

LIVINGSTON PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT No. 5
DENHAM SPRINGS, LOUISIANA

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

AS OF AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

Livingston Parish Fire Protection District No. 5
Denham Springs, Louisiana
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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Members of the Board of Commissioners of
Livingston Parish Fire Protection District No. 5
Denham Springs, Louisiana

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and the general fund of the Livingston Parish Fire Protection District No. 5 ("the "District"), a component unit of Livingston Parish Government, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and the general fund of the District, 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 audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and 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 District and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. 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 these 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 District's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial 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 District'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 District's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the budgetary comparison information on page 23 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Management has omitted the 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

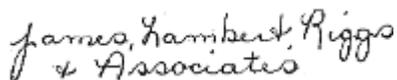
statements in appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. Our opinion on the basic financial statements are not affected by this missing information.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of compensation, benefits, and other payments to agency head is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is 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 schedule of compensation, benefits, and other payments to agency head 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 June 2, 2022, on our consideration of Livingston Parish Fire Protection District No. 5'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 Livingston Parish Fire Protection District No. 5'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 Livingston Parish Fire Protection District No. 5's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



James Lambert Riggs & Associates, Inc.
Hammond, Louisiana

June 2, 2022

Basic Financial Statements

Livingston Parish Fire Protection District No. 5
Denham Springs, Louisiana
Statement of Net Position
December 31, 2021

Exhibit A

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
Assets	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 416,545
Investments	406,114
Property Taxes Receivable, Net	1,215,009
User Fees Receivable, Net	298,327
State Revenue Sharing Receivable	-
Other Assets	75
Nondepreciable Capital Assets:	
Land	77,312
Construction in Progress	97,840
Depreciable Capital Assets, Net	<u>1,426,435</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 3,937,657</u>
Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	\$ 98,236
Accrued Payroll and Payroll Taxes Payable	<u>25,431</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 123,667</u>
Net Position	
Net Investment in Capital Assets	\$ 1,601,587
Unrestricted	<u>2,212,403</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 3,813,990</u>

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

Livingston Parish Fire Protection District No. 5
Denham Springs, Louisiana
Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

Exhibit B

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
Expenses:	
Public Safety - Fire Protection:	
Salaries & Related Benefits	\$ 912,380
Insurance	267,514
Bad Debts	59,320
Dues & Subscriptions	5,054
Professional Fees	123,859
Repairs & Maintenance	130,154
Supplies	92,781
Training	9,839
Utilities	55,878
Miscellaneous	2,923
Depreciation	195,332
Total Program Expenses	<u>1,855,034</u>
 General Revenues:	
Ad Valorem Taxes	1,252,587
User Fees	305,974
State Revenue Sharing	87,155
Fire Insurance Rebate	58,143
Grant Revenues	34,966
On Behalf Payments - State Supplemental Pay	40,789
Other Revenues	1,329
Interest	6,037
Gain on Disposal of Capital Assets	7,500
Total General Revenues	<u>1,794,480</u>
 Change in Net Position	 (60,554)
 Net Position - Beginning of Year	 <u>3,874,544</u>
Net Position - End of Year	<u>\$ 3,813,990</u>

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

Livingston Parish Fire Protection District No. 5
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Governmental Fund Balance Sheet
December 31, 2021

Exhibit C

General
Fund

Assets	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 416,545
Investments	406,114
Property Taxes Receivable, Net	1,215,009
User Fees Receivable, Net	298,327
State Revenue Sharing Receivable	-
Other Assets	<u>75</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 2,336,070</u>
Liabilities and Fund Balance	
Liabilities:	
Accounts Payable	\$ 98,236
Accrued Payroll and Payroll Taxes Payable	<u>25,431</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>123,667</u>
Fund Balance:	
Unassigned	<u>2,212,403</u>
Total Fund Balance	<u>2,212,403</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	<u>\$ 2,336,070</u>

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

Livingston Parish Fire Protection District No. 5
Denham Springs, Louisiana
Reconciliation of the Governmental Fund Balance Sheet to the
Government-Wide Statement of Net Position
December 31, 2021

Exhibit D

Total Governmental Fund Balance (Exhibit C)	\$ 2,212,403
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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 funds.

1,601,587

Net Position of Governmental Activities (Exhibit A)	<u>\$ 3,813,990</u>
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Livingston Parish Fire Protection District No. 5
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Statement of Governmental Fund Revenues, Expenditures, and
Change in Fund Balance
For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

Exhibit E

	General Fund
Revenues:	
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 1,252,587
User Fees	305,974
State Revenue Sharing	87,155
Fire Insurance Rebate	58,143
Grant Revenues	34,966
On Behalf Payments	40,789
Other Revenues	1,329
Interest	6,037
Total Revenues	1,786,980
Expenditures:	
Public Safety - Fire Protection:	
Salaries & Related Benefits	912,380
Insurance	267,514
Repairs & Maintenance	130,105
Supplies	92,781
Professional Fees	123,859
Bad Debts	59,320
Utilities	55,878
Miscellaneous	2,971
Training	9,839
Dues & Subscriptions	5,054
Capital Outlay	79,106
Total Expenditures	1,738,807
Excess of Revenues over Expenditures	48,173
Other Financing Sources (Uses):	
Sale of Capital Assets	7,500
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses):	7,500
Change in Fund Balance	55,673
Fund Balance - Beginning of the Year	2,156,730
Fund Balance - End of the Year	\$ 2,212,403

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

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Exhibit F

Reconciliation of the Governmental Fund Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and
Change in Fund Balance to the Government-Wide Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

Net Change in Fund Balance, Governmental Fund (Exhibit E)	\$	48,173
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Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:

Capital outlays are reported in governmental funds as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of these assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. These differences consist of:

Capital Outlay		79,105
Depreciation Expense		(195,332)
Disposals of Fixed Assets		<u>7,500</u>

Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities (Exhibit B)	\$	<u>(60,554)</u>
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Notes to the Financial Statements

Livingston Parish Fire Protection District No. 5

Denham Springs, Louisiana

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

Narrative Profile

The Livingston Parish Fire Protection District No. 5 (the “District”) is a body corporate created by the Livingston Parish Council, as provided by Louisiana Revised Statutes (LRS). The District is governed by a Board of five commissioners who are appointed by the Livingston Parish Council. The District was created for the purpose of providing fire protection and prevention to District Five of the Parish of Livingston.

The accounting and reporting policies of the District conform to generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applicable to governments. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. Such accounting and reporting procedures also conform to the requirements of LRS 24:513 and to the guidance set forth in the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide*, and to the industry audit guide, *Audits of State and Local Governmental Units*.

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. Financial Reporting Entity

Section 2100 of the GASB Codification, *Defining the Financial 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 Livingston Parish Council. 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.

B. Fund Accounting

The District uses fund accounting to maintain its financial records and the results of its operations. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid management by segregating transactions related to certain District functions and activities. A fund is defined as a separate fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts.

Governmental Funds

Governmental funds account for all 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 that may be used to finance future period programs or operations of the District. The following is the District’s governmental fund:

General Fund - the primary operating fund of the District, which accounts for all the operations of the District, except those required to be accounted for in other funds.

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Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

C. Measurement Focus / Basis of Accounting

Basic Financial Statements – Government-Wide Financial Statements

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 with most of the interfund activities removed. 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*.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment are 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. Interest earnings and other revenues not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

The District does not allocate indirect expenses.

Basic Financial Statements – Governmental Funds

The amounts reflected in the General Fund 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 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.

The amounts reflected in the General Fund use the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this 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 liability is incurred, except for interest and principal payments on long-term debt, which are 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 – Revenues are generally recognized when they become measurable and available as net current assets. Taxes, state revenue sharing, grants, interest revenue, and other revenues are recorded when due.

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Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

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

Reconciliation – Explanation of differences between the governmental funds balance sheet and the government-wide statement of net position is presented in Exhibit D of the basic financial statements. Explanation of differences between the governmental funds statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances and the government-wide statement of activities is presented in Statement F of the basic financial statements.

D. Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

The District adopted an operating budget for its General Fund for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2021. The budget for this fund is adopted on the modified accrual basis of accounting consistent with GAAP. The District follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in these financial statements:

1. The Fire Chief prepares the proposed budgets and submits them to the Board for their review no later than fifteen days prior to the beginning of each fiscal year.
2. A summary of the proposed budget is published and the public notified that the proposed budget is available for public inspection. At the same time, a public hearing is called.
3. A public hearing is held on the proposed budget at least ten days after publication of the call for the hearing. The public hearing was held on December 8, 2020.
4. Once a public hearing is held and all of the action necessary to finalize and implement the budget is completed, the budget is adopted through the passage of a resolution prior to the commencement of the fiscal year for which the budget is adopted. The budget was adopted on December 8, 2020.

The adopted budget constitutes the authority of the Fire Chief to incur liabilities and authorize expenditures from the respective budgeted funds. Additionally, certain expenditures are approved monthly by the Board before payment.

All budget amounts presented in the financial statements have been adjusted for legally authorized revisions of the annual budget during the year. Appropriations, except encumbrances, lapse at the end of each year.

E. Deposits and Investments

The District's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits, interest bearing demand deposits, and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition. Under state law, the District may deposit funds in demand deposits, interest bearing demand deposits, money market accounts, or time deposits with state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having their principal offices in Louisiana. In addition, the District may invest in United States bonds, treasury notes, or certificates. These are classified as investments if their original maturities exceed 90 days; however, if the original maturities are 90 days or less, they are classified as cash equivalents. Investments for the District are reported at cost.

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Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)
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F. Prepaid Items

The District recognizes expenditures for services extending over more than one accounting period when paid. The District did not record any prepaid items at December 31, 2021.

G. Capital Assets

Capital outlays are recorded as expenditures of the governmental funds and as assets in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are valued at historical cost or estimated historical cost if actual cost was not available. Donated capital assets are valued at their acquisition value (entry price) at the date of donation. At December 31, 2021, the District did not have a formal capitalization policy establishing a capitalization / expense threshold.

Maintenance, repairs, and minor equipment are charged to operations when incurred. Expenditures that materially change capacities or extend useful lives are capitalized. Upon sale or retirement of land, buildings, and equipment, the cost and related accumulated depreciation, if applicable, are eliminated from the respective accounts and any resulting gain or loss is included in the results of operations.

H. Compensated Absences

At December 31, 2021, the District has no plan or provision for compensated absences, pension plan, or other post employment benefits. Vacation time cannot be accumulated and must be taken by the end of the year. There is no provision for leave carryover; therefore, leave accruals are not necessary.

I. Net Position

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

1. Net Investment in Capital Assets – consists of the historical cost of capital assets, including any 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.
2. Restricted – consists of assets that have constraints that are externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments or constraints imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
3. Unrestricted – all other net position is reported in this category.

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.

J. Fund Balance

In the governmental fund financial statements, fund balance is classified as follows:

1. Nonspendable Fund Balance – amounts that cannot be spent because they are either not in spendable form or legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

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2. Restricted Fund Balance – amounts that can be spent only for specific purposes because of enabling legislation, or externally imposed conditions by grantors, creditors, or citizens.
3. Committed Fund Balance – amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes determined by a formal action of the Board (the District’s highest level of decision-making authority).
4. Assigned Fund Balance – amounts that are intended to be used by the District for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed.
5. Unassigned Fund Balance – all amounts not included in other spendable classifications.

The District considers restricted fund balances to be spent for governmental expenditures first when both restricted and unrestricted resources are available.

As of December 31, 2021, the District did not have any nonspendable, restricted, committed, or assigned fund balances.

K. New Accounting Pronouncements

New accounting pronouncements adopted by the District are as follows:

In June 2020, the GASB issued Statement No 97, *Certain Component Unit Criteria, and Accounting and Financial Reporting for Internal Revenue Code 457 Deferred Compensation Plans*. The primary objectives of this Statement are to (1) increase consistency and comparability related to the reporting of fiduciary component units in circumstances in which a potential component unit does not have a governing board and the primary government performs the duties that a governing board typically would perform; (2) mitigate costs associated with the reporting of certain defined contribution pension plans, defined contribution other postemployment benefit (OPEB) plans, and employee benefit plans other than pension plans or OPEB plans (other employee benefit plans) as fiduciary component units in fiduciary fund financial statements; and (3) enhance the relevance, consistency, and comparability of the accounting and financial reporting for Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 457 deferred compensation plans (Section 457 plans) that meet the definition of a pension plan and for benefits provided through those plans. This Statement requires that for purposes of determining whether a primary government is financially accountable for a potential component unit, except for a potential component unit that is a defined contribution pension plan, a defined contribution OPEB plan, or an other employee benefit plan (for example, certain Section 457 plans), the absence of a governing board should be treated the same as the appointment of a voting majority of a governing board if the primary government performs the duties that a governing board typically would perform. This Statement also requires that the financial burden criterion in paragraph 7 of Statement No. 84, *Fiduciary Activities*, be applicable to only defined benefit pension plans and defined benefit OPEB plans that are administered through trusts that meet the criteria in paragraph 3 of Statement No. 67, *Financial Reporting for Pension Plans*, or paragraph 3 of Statement No. 74, *Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefit Plans Other Than Pension Plans*, respectively. This Statement (1) requires that a Section 457 plan be classified as either a pension plan or an other employee benefit plan depending on whether the plan meets the definition of a pension plan and (2) clarifies that Statement 84, as amended, should be applied to all arrangements organized under IRC Section 457 to determine whether those arrangements should be reported as fiduciary activities. This Statement supersedes the remaining provisions of Statement No. 32, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Internal Revenue Code Section 457 Deferred Compensation Plans*, as amended, regarding investment valuation

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requirements for Section 457 plans. As a result, investments of all Section 457 plans should be measured as of the end of the plan's reporting period in all circumstances.

The requirements of this Statement are effective for reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2021. Earlier application is encouraged.

The District early adopted GASB Statement No. 97 for the year ended December 31, 2020.

L. Estimates

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

2. Stewardship, Compliance and Accountability

A. Budgetary Information

Annual budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with GAAP for all governmental funds. All annual appropriations lapse at year-end. See Note 1-D regarding operating budgets. The District complied with the Louisiana Local Government Budget Act in adopting its budget for the year ended December 31, 2021.

B. Deposits and Investment Laws and Regulations

In accordance with state law, all uninsured deposits of funds in financial institutions must be secured with acceptable collateral valued at the lower of market or par. As reflected in Note 3 regarding cash and cash equivalents, the District complied with the deposits and investments laws and regulations.

C. Deficit Fund Equity

As of December 31, 2021, the District's general fund did not have a deficit fund equity.

3. Cash, Cash Equivalents, and Investments

As reflected on Exhibit A, the District has cash and cash equivalents totaling \$416,545 and investments totaling \$406,114 at December 31, 2021. 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 bank. These pledged 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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The following is a summary of cash and investments at December 31, 2020, with the related federal deposit insurance and pledge securities:

Bank Balances and Investments:	
Insured (FDIC Insurance)	\$ 500,000
Collateralized:	
Collateral held by pledging bank's trust department not in the District's name	335,302
Uninsured and Uncollateralized	-
Total Deposits	\$ 835,302

Even though the pledged securities are not held in the entity's name, LRS 39:1229 imposes a statutory requirement on the custodial bank to advertise and sell the pledged securities within ten days of being notified by the District that the fiscal agent has failed to pay deposited funds upon demand. Deposits collateralized by pledged securities are considered to be exposed to credit risk (Category 3) under the provisions of GASB Statement 40. 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 does not have a deposit policy for custodial risk. As of December 31, 2021, the District was in compliance with state law which requires any uninsured cash balances with the fiscal agent bank to be adequately collateralized by a pledge of securities.

4. Receivables

Receivables of \$1,513,336 at December 31, 2021, are as follows:

Property Tax Receivable	\$ 1,252,587
Allowance for Uncollectible - Property Taxes	(37,578)
User Fee Receivable	307,554
Allowance for Uncollectible - User Fees	(9,227)
State Revenue Sharing Receivable	-
Receivables at December 31, 2021, Net	\$ 1,513,336

Uncollectible amounts are recognized as bad debts through the establishment of an allowance account at the time information becomes available that would indicate the uncollectibility of the particular receivable.

5. Levied Taxes

Ad valorem taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property as of January 1 of each year. Taxes are levied by the District during the year, are billed to taxpayers, and become due in November. Billed taxes become delinquent on December 31. Revenues from ad valorem taxes are budgeted and recognized as revenue in the year billed. The Livingston Parish Sheriff bills and collects the property taxes using the assessed value determined by the Livingston Parish Assessor. The taxes are generally collected in December of the current year and January and February of the ensuing year. For 2021, the District levied 10.14 mills for a total tax levy of \$1,252,587. An allowance for uncollectible property taxes was recorded at 3.0% of the balance due (\$37,578).

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For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

6. User Fees

For the year 2021, a user fee of \$32 was assessed on each household within the District's boundaries. Total fees levied were \$307,554. At December 31, 2021, the user fee receivable was \$307,554. User fees receivable at December 31, 2021, are recorded net of a 3.0% allowance for uncollectible fees (\$9,227).

7. Tax Abatements

The Louisiana Industrial Ad Valorem Tax Exemption Program (ITEP) is a state incentive program that offers attractive tax incentive for manufacturers within the state. The program abates, for up to ten years, local ad valorem on a manufacturer's new investment and annual capitalized additions related to the manufacturing site. This exemption is granted per contract with the Louisiana Department of Economic Development and will specify the buildings and / or personal property items covered by the exemption. For the District, there are currently seven (7) tax abatements, related to two (2) companies, under the Louisiana ITEP. For the 2021 calendar year, estimated forgone ad valorem taxes due to this abatement program was \$13,161.73.

8. Capital Assets

Capital assets and depreciation activity as of and for the year ended December 31, 2021, are as follows:

	Balance <u>12/31/20</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	Balance <u>12/31/21</u>
Capital Assets Not Depreciated:				
Land	\$ 77,312	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 77,312
Construction in Progress	77,886	19,954	-	97,840
Capital Assets Being Depreciated:				
Furniture & Fixtures	39,916	-	-	39,916
Buildings	880,803	29,900	-	910,703
Vehicles	3,859,976	26,081	102,269	3,783,788
Equipment	989,501	3,170	-	992,671
Total Capital Assets Depreciated	<u>5,770,196</u>	<u>59,151</u>	<u>102,269</u>	<u>5,727,078</u>
Less Accumulated Depreciation:				
Furniture & Fixtures	38,904	333	-	39,237
Buildings	502,021	24,379	-	526,400
Vehicles	2,716,275	157,467	102,269	2,771,473
Equipment	950,380	13,153	-	963,533
Total Accumulated Depreciation	<u>4,207,580</u>	<u>195,332</u>	<u>102,269</u>	<u>4,300,643</u>
Capital Assets Being Depreciated, Net	<u>1,562,616</u>	<u>(136,181)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,426,435</u>
Total	<u>\$ 1,717,814</u>	<u>\$ (116,227)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,601,587</u>

Depreciation expense for the year ended December 31, 2021, totaled \$195,332.

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

Buildings and Building Improvements	10 - 40	Year Life
Furniture and Fixtures	5 - 10	Year Life
Vehicles	5 - 15	Year Life
Equipment	5 - 10	Year Life

9. Payables

Accounts payables at December 31, 2021, are as follows:

Accounts Payable	\$ 98,236
Federal Payroll Taxes Payable	7,895
State Withholding Tax Payable	3,238
Accrued Payroll & Related Liabilities	<u>14,298</u>
Total	<u>\$ 123,667</u>

10. On-Behalf Payments

Supplementary salary payments are made by the State of Louisiana directly to certain District employees. The District is not legally responsible for these salaries. Therefore, the basis for recognizing the revenue and expenditure payments is actual contributions made by the State. For the 2021 calendar year, the State paid supplemental salaries to the District's employees in the amount of \$40,789.

11. Deferred Compensation Plan

The District offers its employees the LPFPD5 Retirement Plan (the "Plan"). This plan is a type of retirement plan commonly referred to as a Governmental Eligible 457(b) Plan, a deferred compensation plan created in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 457. The plan, available to all employees, permits them to defer a portion of their salary until future years. The deferred compensation is not available to employees until termination, retirement, death, or unforeseeable emergency. All amounts of compensation deferred under the plan, all property and rights purchased with those amounts, and all income attributable to those amounts, property, or rights shall be held for the exclusive benefit of participants and their beneficiaries. As of December 31, 2021, the total employer contributions for the year was \$44,250.

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For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

12. Compensation Paid to Board Members

The following schedule of per diem payments to Board members is presented in compliance with House Concurrent Resolution No. 54 of the 1979 Session of the Louisiana Legislature. As authorized by LRS 40:1498, each member of the Board shall be reimbursed \$30 for attending meetings of the Board, not to exceed two meetings in any one calendar month, and may be reimbursed any expenses incurred in performing the duties imposed upon them by virtue of their serving as members. The following is a breakdown of per diem paid to Board members:

Tony Sibley	\$	405
Wesley Sorenson		495
Susan Mack		450
Robert Jeansonne		405
Chris Kinchen		450
Total	\$	<u>2,205</u>

13. Contingent Liabilities

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets, errors and omissions, injuries to employees, and natural disasters. These risks of loss are covered by a comprehensive commercial insurance policy and workers compensation insurance. Claims resulting from these risks have historically not exceeded insurance coverage. Therefore, no accrual for any loss contingency has been made in the financial statements.

14. Subsequent Events

Management has evaluated the subsequent events through the date that the financial statements were available to be issued June 2, 2022. No subsequent events occurring after this date have been evaluated for inclusion in these financial statements.

Required Supplemental Information:
Budgetary Comparison Schedule

Livingston Parish Fire Protection District No. 5
Denham Springs, Louisiana
Budgetary Comparison Schedule (GAAP Basis) – General Fund
For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual Amounts	Variance with Final Budget Favorable / (Unfavorable)
Revenues:				
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 1,230,886	\$ 1,178,396	\$ 1,252,587	\$ 74,191
User Fees	295,586	282,720	305,974	23,254
State Revenue Sharing	85,500	86,124	87,155	1,031
Fire Insurance Rebate	57,500	58,143	58,143	-
On Behalf Payments	36,000	42,000	40,789	(1,211)
Grant Revenues	20,000	20,000	34,966	14,966
Other Revenues	1,000	1,107	1,329	222
Interest	6,000	4,207	6,037	1,830
Proceeds from Sale of Assets	-	7,500	7,500	-
Total Revenues	<u>1,732,472</u>	<u>1,680,197</u>	<u>1,794,480</u>	<u>114,283</u>
Expenditures:				
Public Safety - Fire Protection:				
Salaries & Related Benefits	1,001,060	880,911	912,380	(31,469)
Insurance	288,400	279,000	267,514	11,486
Repairs & Maintenance	109,500	132,500	130,105	2,395
Supplies	75,200	98,000	92,781	5,219
Professional Fees	100,786	132,785	123,859	8,926
Bad Debts	36,927	36,927	59,320	(22,393)
Utilities	65,000	66,000	55,878	10,122
Miscellaneous	1,700	1,100	2,923	(1,823)
Training	10,000	8,000	9,839	(1,839)
Dues & Subscriptions	500	4,300	5,054	(754)
Tax, License, Permits	100	100	-	100
Travel & Entertainment	2,000	-	-	-
Capital Outlay	40,000	65,000	79,106	(14,106)
Total Expenditures	<u>1,731,873</u>	<u>1,705,423</u>	<u>1,738,807</u>	<u>(33,384)</u>
Excess of Revenues over Expenditures	<u>599</u>	<u>(25,226)</u>	<u>55,673</u>	<u>80,899</u>
Other Financing Sources:				
Sales of Capital Assets	-	7,500	7,500	-
Total Other Financing Sources:	<u>-</u>	<u>7,500</u>	<u>7,500</u>	<u>-</u>
Change in Fund Balance	599	(17,726)	63,173	80,899
Fund Balance:				
Beginning of the Year	<u>2,156,730</u>	<u>2,156,730</u>	<u>2,156,730</u>	<u>-</u>
End of the Year	<u>\$ 2,157,329</u>	<u>\$ 2,139,004</u>	<u>\$ 2,219,903</u>	<u>\$ 80,899</u>

See auditor's report.

Other Supplemental Information:

**Schedule of Compensation, Benefits, and Other Payments to
Agency Head**

Livingston Parish Fire Protection District No. 5

Schedule 2

Denham Springs, Louisiana

Schedule of Compensation, Benefits and Other Payments to Agency Head

For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

Agency Head: Joe Koczrowski, Fire Chief

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Salary	\$ 61,016
Benefits - Insurance	20,343
Benefits - Retirement	6,500
Benefits - Short Term Disability & Accident Policy	3,526
Deferred Compensation	-
Car Allowance	-
Vehicle Provided by Government	-
Vehicle Rental	-
Cell Phone	-
Dues	-
Per Diem	-
Reimbursements	-
Travel	-
Registration Fees	-
Conference Travel	-
Housing	-
Unvouchered Expenses	-
Special Meals	-
Other	-
	<u>\$ 91,385</u>

See auditor's report.

**Other Independent Auditor's Reports and
Findings, Recommendations, and Responses**



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 Members of the Board of Commissioners of
Livingston Parish Fire Protection District No. 5
Denham Springs, 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 governmental activities and the general fund of Livingston Parish Fire Protection District No. 5, a component unit of the Livingston Parish Council, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Livingston Parish Fire Protection District No. 5's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated June 2, 2022.

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Livingston Parish Fire Protection District No. 5'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 Livingston Parish Fire Protection District No. 5's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Livingston Parish Fire Protection District No. 5'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.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

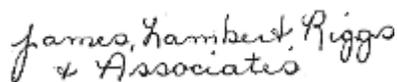
As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Livingston Parish Fire Protection District No. 5's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions

Livingston Parish Fire Protection District No. 5
June 2, 2022

was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *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.

Handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Lambert Riggs & Associates".

James Lambert Riggs & Associates, Inc.
Hammond, Louisiana

June 2, 2022

**Livingston Parish Fire Protection District No. 5
Denham Springs, Louisiana**

Schedule of Current Year Audit Findings, Recommendations, and Responses
For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

We have audited, 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, the financial statements of the governmental activities and the general fund of Livingston Parish Fire Protection District No. 5 as of and for the year ended December 31, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated June 2, 2022. Our audit of the basic financial statements resulted in an unmodified opinion.

Section I – Summary of Auditor's Reports

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

Internal Control:

Material Weakness	___	Yes	_X_	No
Significant Deficiencies	___	Yes	_X_	No

Compliance:

Compliance Material to the Financial Statements	___	Yes	_X_	No
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2. Management Letter

Was a management letter issued?	___	Yes	_X_	No
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Section II – Financial Statement Findings

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

None

Compliance and Other Matters

None

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Denham Springs, Louisiana

Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings

For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

<u>Ref.#</u>	<u>Fiscal Year Findings Initially Occurred</u>	<u>Description of Findings</u>	<u>Corrective Action Taken</u>
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Internal Control over Financial Reporting

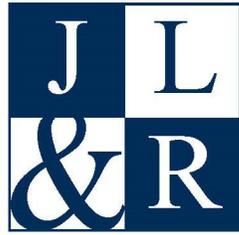
None

Compliance and Other Matters

None

LIVINGSTON PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 5
STATEWIDE AGREED UPON PROCEDURES ENGAGEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

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Independent Accountants' Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures

Mr. Joe Koczrowski, Fire Chief and the Board of Commissioners
Livingston Parish Fire Protection District No. 5
Denham Springs, Louisiana

Louisiana Legislative Auditor
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

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 Livingston Fire Protection District No. 5's management is responsible for those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs.

The Livingston Fire Protection District No. 5 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.

Our procedures and findings are detailed in Schedule "A".

We were engaged by The Livingston Fire Protection District No. 5 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 Livingston Fire Protection District No. 5 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.

James Lambert Riggs & Associates, Inc.
Hammond, Louisiana

June 2, 2022

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.
 - **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.
 - 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.
 - **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.
 - c) **Disbursements**, including processing, reviewing, and approving.
 - **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.
 - 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).
 - **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.
 - 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.
 - **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.
 - 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.
 - **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.
 - 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).
 - **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.

- h) **Travel and Expense Reimbursement**, including (1) allowable expenses, (2) dollar thresholds by category of expense, (3) documentation requirements, and (4) required approvers.
- **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.
- 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.
- **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.
- j) **Debt Service**, including (1) debt issuance approval, (2) continuing disclosure/EMMA reporting requirements, (3) debt reserve requirements, and (4) debt service requirements.
- **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.
- 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.
- **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.
- l) **Sexual Harassment**, including R.S. 42:342-344 requirements for (1) agency responsibilities and prohibitions, (2) annual employee training, and (3) annual reporting.
- **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.

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.
- **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.

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 funds⁷. *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.*

- **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.

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.

- **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.

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:

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);

- **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.

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

- **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.

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.

- **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.

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).
 - **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.

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.
 - **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.

 - 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.
 - **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.

 - 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.
 - **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.

 - 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.
 - **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.

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.
 - **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.

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.
 - **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.
 - b) Trace sequentially pre-numbered receipts, system reports, and other related collection documentation to the deposit slip.
 - **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.
 - c) Trace the deposit slip total to the actual deposit per the bank statement.
 - **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.
 - 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).
 - **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.
 - e) Trace the actual deposit per the bank statement to the general ledger.
 - **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.

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).
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.
 - **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.

- b) At least two employees are involved in processing and approving payments to vendors.
- **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.
- 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.
- **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.
- 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.
- **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.

[Note: Exceptions to controls that constrain the legal authority of certain public officials (e.g., mayor of a Lawrason Act municipality) should not be reported.]

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.
- **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.
- b) Observe whether the disbursement documentation included evidence (e.g., initial/date, electronic logging) of segregation of duties tested under #9, as applicable.
- **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.

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.
- **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.
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.]

- **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.

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

- **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.

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.

- **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.

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).

- **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.

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

- **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.

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).

- **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.

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

- **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.

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.

- **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.

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).

- **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.

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).

- **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.

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.

- **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.

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.

- **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.

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.)
 - **Results:** Two of the five employees selected did not have documented daily attendance. These two employees are salary employees and are on call 24/7. The Chief reviews and approves all payroll before processing.
 - b) Observe whether supervisors approved the attendance and leave of the selected employees or officials.
 - **Results:** Two of the five employees selected did not have documented daily attendance. These two employees are salary employees and are on call 24/7. The Chief reviews and approves all payroll before processing.
 - c) Observe any leave accrued or taken during the pay period is reflected in the entity's cumulative leave records.
 - **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.
 - d) Observe the rate paid to the employees or officials agree to the authorized salary/pay rate found within the personnel file.
 - **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.
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.
- **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.
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.
- **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.

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.
 - **Results:** One of the five employees selected did not complete the one-hour ethics training. This was a mid-year new hire, who completed training in early 2022.
 - 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.
 - **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.

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.
- **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.
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).
- **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.

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.
- **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.
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.
- **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.

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.
 - **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.
 - 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.
 - **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.
 - 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.
 - **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.

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.
 - **Results:** One of five employees selected did not complete the one hour of sexual harassment during the calendar year. This was a mid-year new hire, who completed training in early 2022.
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).
 - **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.
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;
 - **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.

- b) Number of sexual harassment complaints received by the agency;
 - **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.
- c) Number of complaints which resulted in a finding that sexual harassment occurred;
 - **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.
- d) Number of complaints in which the finding of sexual harassment resulted in discipline or corrective action; and
 - **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.
- e) Amount of time it took to resolve each complaint.
 - **Results:** No exceptions were noted as a result for the above listed procedures.

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To Whom it may concern;

Our Auditors found 3 results on State Agreed-Upon Procedures. Two of which were under Payroll and Personal and the other under ethics.

Please see our response below to the three results found:

#17 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).

- Results: Two of the five employees selected did not have documented daily attendance. These two employees are salary employees and are on call 24/7. The Chief reviews and approves all payroll before processing.
- Response: District 5 has gone to a new tracking system in which the salary employees can keep better track of their vacation instead of the paper request we used to use and their time. Also, our new mechanic has a time clock that he must punch to show when he arrives and when he leaves daily and any time off, he must request using the time tracking system. This report of time off can be run at any time to match what is shown by our CPA on their system as well. This new system also shows who approved the time off and when.

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

- Results: Two of the five employees selected did not have documented daily attendance. These two employees are salary employees and are on call 24/7. The Chief reviews and approves all payroll before processing
- Response: District 5 has gone to a new tracking system in which the salary employees can keep better track of their vacation instead of the paper request we used to use and their time. Also, our new mechanic has a time clock that he must punch to show when he arrives and when he leaves daily and any time off, he must request using the time tracking system. This report

of time off can be run at any time to match what is shown by our CPA on their system as well. This new system also shows who approved the time off and when.

The third result can be found under ethics.

#20 a) Observe whether the documentation demonstrates each employee/official completed one hour of ethics training during the fiscal period.

- Result: One of the five employees selected did not complete the one-hour ethics training. This was a mid-year hire, who completed training in early 2022.
- Response: We were finished with our ethics training for the year when this person was hired so he slipped through the crack of not doing it in 2021. However, since we have developed a packet when someone is hired letting them know what is required of them to complete within the first 15 days of them being employed with us. This packet does two things, lets the employee know what is expected and reminds the administration as to what needs to be done by the new hire even if we as a department are finished.

There were no more results needing an exception. The responses were put into place prior to us obtaining the auditor's report.

Thank you for your time and understanding with these few issues.

Sincerely,



Joe Koczrowski
Chief