

**MAMOU FIRE PROTECTION  
DISTRICT NO. 1**

Evangeline Parish, Louisiana

Financial Report

Year Ended December 31, 2024

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## INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REVIEW REPORT

Mr. Larry Bieber, President  
Mamou Fire Protection District No. 1  
P.O. Box 38  
Mamou, Louisiana 70554

We have reviewed the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and major fund of Mamou Fire Protection District No. 1, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. A review includes primarily applying analytical procedures to management's financial data and making inquiries of the management of the District. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

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

The management of the District 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.

### **Accountant's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to conduct the review in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the AICPA. Those standards require us to perform procedures to obtain limited assurance as a basis for reporting whether we are aware of any material modifications that should be made to the financial statements for them to be in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We believe that the results of our procedures provide a reasonable basis for our conclusion.

We are required to be independent of the District and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to our review.

### **Accountant's Conclusion**

Based on our review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying financial statements in order for them to be in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### **Supplementary Information**

The accompanying schedule of compensation, benefits and other payments to the agency head, political subdivision head, or chief executive officer is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. The information is the representation of management. We have reviewed the information and, based on our review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the information in order for it to be in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have not audited the supplementary information and, accordingly, do not express an opinion on such information.

### **Required Supplementary Information**

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that Management's Discussion and Analysis on page 4 through page 6 and the Budgetary Comparison Schedule on page 24 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. The information is the representation of management. We have not audited or reviewed such required supplementary information, and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any form of assurance on it.

***Darnall, Sikes & Frederick***

A Corporation of Certified Public Accountants

Eunice, Louisiana

April 3, 2025

## **REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**

## **Management's Discussion and Analysis**

As management of the Mamou Fire Protection District No. 1, we provide readers of the District's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the District, for the twelve months ended December 31, 2024. Please read it in conjunction with the basic financial statements and the accompanying notes to the financial statements.

### **Financial Highlights**

The financial statements provide these insights into the results of the operations for the twelve months ended December 31, 2024.

- The District showed a net increase in overall net position of \$21,317.
- A significant portion of the District's assets (43.8%) are invested in capital assets, which accounts for \$663 thousand of the District's \$1.51 million total assets.
- Net Capital Assets of the District decreased \$74,573, which is attributable mainly to current year depreciation and amortization expense.
- Fund level revenues totaled \$396,817 while operating expenses totaled \$304,626 with repairs and maintenance representing 37.2%, insurance representing 15.9%, contract labor representing 11.3%, and fire equipment representing 8.3%.

### **Using This Financial Report**

This report contains a series of financial statements. The statement of net position on page 8 and the statement of activities on page 9 provide information on all activities of the District as a whole. These statements include all assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses using the accrual basis of accounting, which is similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. Accrual of the current year's revenues and expenses are taken into account regardless of when cash is received or paid. The accompanying financial statements present information only on the funds maintained by the District.

All of the District's expenses incurred for the provision of fire services are reported in a governmental fund. This fund is reported using the accrual basis of accounting, which measures revenues when earned and expenses when incurred.

### **Financial Analysis of the District as a Whole**

Our analysis below will focus on key elements of the total funds for the twelve months ended December 31, 2024.

### Condensed Statement of Net Position

Assets:	
Current assets	\$ 850,475
Capital assets	<u>663,411</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 1,513,886</u>
Liabilities:	
Current liabilities	\$ 3,846
Long-Term liabilities	<u>-</u>
Total liabilities	<u>3,846</u>
Net assets:	
Net investment in capital assets	659,565
Unrestricted	<u>850,475</u>
Total net assets	<u><u>\$ 1,510,040</u></u>

### Change in Net Position

General revenues	\$ 395,966
Operating expenses	<u>375,500</u>
Operating income	20,466
Nonoperating revenues	
Interest income	<u>851</u>
Increase in net position	<u><u>\$ 21,317</u></u>

As of December 31, 2024, the District “as a whole” had assets greater than liabilities of \$1,510,040.

The District’s unrestricted net position at December 31, 2024 was \$850,475. This is an increase of \$92,191 from the prior year balance. It is important that the District have unrestricted net position so that we will have resources available to adapt to changes in the economy, emergencies, and unexpected needs.

### Capital Assets

The District’s investment in capital assets totaled \$2,568,175 as of December 31, 2024. Capital assets are categorized as follows:

Land	\$ 73,922
Buildings and improvements	429,170
Fire trucks	1,750,787
Equipment	296,484
Right of use asset	<u>17,812</u>
Total capital assets	<u><u>\$ 2,568,175</u></u>

**Additional Information**

Mamou Fire Protection District No. 1 is currently funded through a 7.540 mill 10 year property tax that expired on December 31, 2024. The District's property tax renewed at 8.07 mills for an additional 10 years scheduled to expire on December 31, 2034.

**Requests for Information**

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Mamou Fire Protection District No. 1 finances for all those with and interest in the government's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to Larry Bieber, Chairman, Mamou Fire Protection District No. 1, and P.O. Box 38, Mamou, LA 70554.



## **GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

MAMOU FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1  
Evangeline Parish, Louisiana

Statement of Net Position  
December 31, 2024

ASSETS

Current assets:	
Cash	\$ 509,055
Prepaid expense	4,000
Receivables	<u>337,420</u>
Total current assets	<u>850,475</u>
Capital assets:	
Land	73,922
Buildings and improvements	429,170
Fire trucks	1,750,787
Equipment	296,484
Right to use asset	<u>17,812</u>
	2,568,175
Less: accumulated depreciation	<u>(1,904,764)</u>
Total capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	<u>663,411</u>
Total assets	<u><u>1,513,886</u></u>

LIABILITIES

Current liabilities:	
Current maturities of lease liability	\$ <u>3,846</u>
Total current liabilities	<u>3,846</u>
Long-term liabilities:	
Lease liability, net of current maturities	<u>-</u>
Total long-term liabilities	<u>-</u>

NET POSITION

Net investment in capital assets	659,565
Unrestricted	<u>850,475</u>
Total net position	<u><u>\$ 1,510,040</u></u>

See accompanying notes and independent accountant's review report.

MAMOU FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1  
Evangeline Parish, Louisiana

Statement of Activities  
Year Ended December 31, 2024

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues		Net Revenues
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	(Expenses)
				Governmental Activities
<b>Governmental Activities</b>				
General government	\$ 375,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (375,500)
Total governmental activities	<u>\$ 375,500</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>(375,500)</u>
<b>General Revenues</b>				
Ad valorem taxes				327,170
State revenue sharing				14,703
Insurance rebate				50,213
Miscellaneous				3,880
Interest earnings				<u>851</u>
Total general revenues				<u>396,817</u>
Change in net position				21,317
Net position, beginning				<u>1,488,723</u>
Net position, ending				<u>\$ 1,510,040</u>

See accompanying notes and independent accountant's review report.

## **FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

MAMOU FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1  
Evangeline Parish, Louisiana

Balance Sheet  
Governmental Funds  
December 31, 2024

ASSETS

Current assets:	
Cash and equivalents	\$ 509,055
Prepaid expense	4,000
Receivables	<u>337,420</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 850,475</u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE

Fund Balance:	
Nonspendable	\$ 4,000
Unassigned	<u>846,475</u>
	<u>850,475</u>
Total liabilities and fund balance	<u>\$ 850,475</u>

See accompanying notes and independent accountant's review report.

MAMOU FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1  
Evangeline Parish, Louisiana

Reconciliation of the Governmental Fund  
Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Position  
December 31, 2024

Total fund balance - governmental fund	\$ 850,475
Total net position reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position is different because:	
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental fund balance sheet	
Capital assets, net	663,411
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental fund balance sheet	
Lease liability	<u>(3,846)</u>
Net position of governmental activities	<u><u>\$1,510,040</u></u>

See accompanying notes and independent accountant's review report.

MAMOU FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1  
Evangeline Parish, Louisiana

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance  
Governmental Fund  
Year Ended December 31, 2024

Revenues:	
Taxes	\$ 327,170
State	14,703
Insurance rebate	50,213
Miscellaneous	<u>3,880</u>
Total revenues	<u>395,966</u>
Expenditures:	
Current -	
Communications equipment	4,767
Contract labor	34,520
Fire equipment	25,400
Fireman training	3,169
Fuel	5,219
Insurance	48,689
Lease expense	4,000
Legal ads	2,825
Legal and accounting	7,614
Miscellaneous	5,311
Office expense	2,026
Payroll taxes	2,918
Per diem paid board members	1,650
Salaries and wages	3,812
Supplies	4,166
Repairs and maintenance	113,349
Utilities/telephone	13,868
Volunteer Firemen reimbursement	13,055
Capital outlay	<u>8,268</u>
Total expenditures	<u>304,626</u>
Excess of revenues over expenditures	91,340
Nonoperating revenues:	
Interest	<u>851</u>
Net change in fund balance	92,191
Fund balance, beginning	<u>758,284</u>
Fund balance, ending	<u><u>\$ 850,475</u></u>

See accompanying notes and independent accountant's review report.

MAMOU FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1  
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Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues,  
Expenditures and Change in Fund Balance  
of the Governmental Fund to the Statement of Activities  
Year Ended December 31, 2024

Net change in fund balance - total governmental fund \$ 92,191

The change in net position reported for governmental activities  
in the statement of activities is different because:

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

Capital outlay	8,269	
Depreciation and amortization expense	<u>(82,842)</u>	(74,573)

Governmental funds report lease payments as expenditures.  
However in the statement of activities, the right to use of the leased  
asset is amortized over the life of the lease, the repayment reduces  
long-term liabilities, and an interest expense is incurred

	<u>3,699</u>
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Change in net position - governmental activities \$ 21,317

See accompanying notes and independent accountant's review report.



MAMOU FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1  
Evangeline Parish, Louisiana

Notes to Financial Statements

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accompanying financial statements of Mamou Fire Protection District No. 1 (the "District") have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is responsible for establishing GAAP for state and local governments through its pronouncements (Statements and Interpretations). The more significant accounting policies of the District are described below.

Financial Reporting Entity

Mamou Fire Protection District No. 1 of Evangeline Parish was created by the Evangeline Parish Police Jury, as authorized by Louisiana Revised Statutes 40:1491-1493. The Fire District is governed by a five member board of commissioners appointed by the Evangeline Parish Police Jury. The fire district is authorized to construct, maintain, and improve the system of fire protection within the district.

Basis of Presentation

The District's basic financial statements consist of the government-wide statements and the fund financial statements. The statements are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as applied to governmental units.

Government-wide financial statements –

The government-wide financial statements include the statement of net positions and the statement of activities of the District. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other nonexchange transactions.

In the government-wide statement of net position, the governmental activities are reported on a full accrual, economic basis, which recognizes all long-term assets and receivables as well as long-term debt and obligations. The District's net position is reported in two parts – net investment in capital assets and unrestricted.

The government-wide statement of activities reports both the gross and net cost of each of the District's functions. The functions are also supported by general government revenues (property taxes, certain intergovernmental revenues, etc.). The statement of activities reduces gross expenses (including depreciation) by related program revenues, operating and capital grants. Program revenues must be directly associated with the function. Operating grants include operating-specific and discretionary (either operating or capital) grant while the capital grants include capital-specific grants.

The District reports all direct expenses by function in the government-wide statements of activities. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a function. Depreciation expense is included as a direct expense. The net cost (by function) is normally covered by general revenue (property taxes, intergovernmental revenues, investment earnings, etc.).

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Notes to Financial Statements

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

The government-wide focus is more on the sustainability of the District as an entity and the change in the District's net position resulting from the current year's activities.

Fund financial statements –

The fund financial statements provide information about the District's funds. The emphasis of the fund financial statements is on major governmental funds. The district has only one fund, its General Fund. The General Fund is the District's general operating fund and it is used to account for all of the financial resources of the District.

Basis of Accounting

Government-wide financial statements –

The government-wide financial statements report 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 when the related cash flows takes place. Nonexchange transactions, in which the District gives (or receives) value without directly receiving (or giving) equal value in exchange, include property taxes, grants and donations. On an accrual basis, revenue from property taxes is recognized in the year for which they are levied. Revenue from grants and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which eligibility requirements have been satisfied.

Fund financial statements –

Governmental funds are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recognized when they become 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 be used to pay liabilities for the current period. Property taxes are recognized in the year they are billed. Revenues from grants and donations are recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied. All other receivables collected within 60 days after year-end are considered available and recognized as revenue of the current year.

Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred. General capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds.

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Notes to Financial Statements

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Fixed Assets

The accounting treatment over property, plant and equipment (fixed assets) depends on whether the assets are reported in the government-wide or fund financial statements.

Government-wide statements-

In the government-wide financial statements, fixed assets are accounted for as capital assets. All fixed assets are valued at cost or estimated historical cost. Donated fixed assets are recorded at their fair value at the date of donation. The District maintains a threshold level of \$500 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 asset lives are not capitalized. Depreciation is calculated on the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

Buildings and improvements	20 – 40 years
Fire trucks	15 years
Equipment	7 – 15 years

Fund financial statements –

In the fund financial statements, fixed assets used in governmental fund operations are accounted for as capital outlay expenditures of the governmental fund upon acquisition.

Long-Term Debt

Long-term debt for governmental funds is not reported as liabilities in the fund financial statements. The debt proceeds are reported as other financing sources and payment of principal and interest are reported as expenditures.

Use of Estimates

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

Equity classifications

Government-wide statements -

Equity is classified as net assets and displayed in three components:

MAMOU FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1  
Evangeline Parish, Louisiana

Notes to Financial Statements

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

- a. Net Invested in capital assets – consists of capital assets (including restricted capital assets), net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, certificates of indebtedness, paving certificates, or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets.
- b. Restricted net assets – Consists of net assets with constraints placed on the use either by (1) external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (2) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- c. Unrestricted net assets – All other net assets that do not meet the definition of “restricted” or “invested in capital assets, net of related debt.”

Fund financial statements –

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

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

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Evangeline Parish, Louisiana

Notes to Financial Statements

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

When fund balance resources are available for a specific purpose in multiple classifications, the District will generally use the most restrictive funds first in the following order: restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned as they are needed. However, the District's management reserves the right to selectively spend unassigned resources first and to defer the use of the other classified funds.

NOTE 2 CASH AND INTEREST-BEARING DEPOSITS

Under state laws, the District may deposit funds within a fiscal agent bank organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana, the laws of any other state in the Union, or the laws of the United States. The District may invest in certificates and time deposits of state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having principal offices in Louisiana. At December 31, 2024, the District has cash and interest-bearing deposits (book balances) totaling \$509,055.

These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market. Under state laws, the 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 bank. 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.

Pledged securities in Category 3 include uninsured or unregistered investments for which the securities are held by the broker or dealer, or by its trust department or agent, but not in the District's name. Even though the pledged securities are considered uncollateralized (Category 3), Louisiana Revised Statute 39:1229 imposes a statutory requirement on the custodial bank to advertise and sell the pledged securities within 10 days of being notified by the District that the fiscal agent has failed to pay deposited funds upon demand.

The District's deposit balances (bank balances) of \$530,388 with financial institutions at December 31, 2024, were fully secured by FDIC insurance and pledged securities.

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Notes to Financial Statements

NOTE 3 CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets and depreciation activity, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024, was as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Deletions	Ending Balance
Governmental activities				
Land	\$ 73,922	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 73,922
Right of use asset	17,812	-	-	17,812
Buildings and improvements	429,170	-	-	429,170
Fire trucks	1,750,787	-	-	1,750,787
Equipment	<u>288,215</u>	<u>8,269</u>	-	<u>296,484</u>
Total	<u>2,559,906</u>	<u>8,269</u>	-	<u>2,568,175</u>
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>1,821,922</u>	<u>82,842</u>	-	<u>1,904,764</u>
Governmental activities				
Capital assets, net	<u>\$ 737,984</u>	<u>\$ (74,573)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 663,411</u>

Depreciation and amortization expense of \$82,842 was charged to governmental activities.

NOTE 4 RETIREMENT SYSTEM

The employees of the district are covered by social security.

NOTE 5 AD VALOREM TAXES

Government-wide financial statements –

Ad valorem taxes are recognized in the year for which they are levied net of uncollectible amounts, as applicable.

Fund financial statements -

Ad valorem taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property as of January 1 of each year. Billed taxes are due by December 31, becoming delinquent on January 1 of the following year. Taxes are budgeted and the revenue recognized in the year they are levied. The taxes are based on assessed values determined by the Tax Assessor of Evangeline Parish and are collected by the Sheriff. The taxes are remitted to the District net of deductions for Pension Fund contributions.

The district authorized and levied general corporate taxes of 7.31 mills on property with assessed valuations totaling \$45,635,747, net of homestead exemptions, for the year ended December 31, 2024.

Total taxes levied, net of homestead exemptions, was \$333,596 for year ended December 31, 2024. Ad valorem taxes receivable consist of taxes collected by the Evangeline Parish Sheriff's Office that have not been remitted to the District and amounts due from taxpayers. Ad valorem taxes receivable at December 31, 2024 totaled \$333,596, all of which are deemed collectible.

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Notes to Financial Statements

NOTE 6 LEASE OBLIGATIONS

The District's current lease agreements are summarized as follows:

	<u>Commencement Date</u>	<u>Payment Terms</u>	<u>Payment Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Total Lease Liability</u>	<u>Balance at 12/31/2024</u>
Fire equipment	1/1/2021	5 years	\$ 4,000	3.99%	\$ 17,812	\$ 3,846

The Fire District entered into three operating lease agreements during 2021 for rescue trucks. The leases require annual lease payments of \$4,000 for 5 years.

The annual future minimum rentals under the lease as of December 31, 2024 are as follows:

<u>Year Ended</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2025	<u>3,846</u>	<u>154</u>	<u>4,000</u>
	<u>\$ 3,846</u>	<u>\$ 154</u>	<u>\$ 4,000</u>

NOTE 7 PER DIEM PAID BOARD MEMBERS

The following is a summary of per diem paid to Board members for the year ended December 31, 2024:

Darrel Perron	\$ 390
Greg Monier	360
Larry Bieber	150
Randy Miller	360
Tiqua Manuel	<u>390</u>
Total	<u>\$ 1,650</u>

NOTE 8 SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The District evaluated the need for disclosures and/or adjustments resulting from subsequent events through April 3, 2025, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

MAMOU FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1  
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Schedule of Compensation, Benefits and Other Payments to Agency Head  
Year Ended December 31, 2024

Chairman: Larry R. Bieber

Board per diem \$150



## **REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

MAMOU FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1  
Evangeline Parish, Louisiana

Budgetary Comparison Schedule  
General Fund  
Year December 31, 2024

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance with
	Original	Final	Budgetary Basis	Final Budget - Positive (Negative)
Revenues:				
Taxes	\$ 280,000	\$ 272,000	\$ 327,170	\$ 55,170
State	20,000	22,000	14,703	(7,297)
Insurance rebate	45,000	55,000	50,213	(4,787)
Miscellaneous	100	140	3,880	3,740
Total revenues	<u>345,100</u>	<u>349,140</u>	<u>395,966</u>	<u>46,826</u>
Expenditures:				
Current -				
Communications equipment	12,000	7,000	4,767	2,233
Contract labor	41,500	35,500	34,520	980
Equipment rental	4,000	4,000	4,000	-
Fire equipment	25,000	38,000	25,400	12,600
Fireman training	1,200	1,200	3,169	(1,969)
Fuel	12,000	5,100	5,219	(119)
Insurance	50,000	49,000	48,689	311
Legal ads	2,500	2,800	2,825	(25)
Legal and accounting	6,000	5,700	7,614	(1,914)
Miscellaneous	8,000	4,300	5,311	(1,011)
Office expense	2,600	2,400	2,026	374
Payroll taxes	3,000	2,400	2,918	(518)
Per diem paid board members	2,000	1,700	1,650	50
Salaries and wages	4,500	4,500	3,812	688
Supplies	12,000	4,000	4,166	(166)
Repairs and maintenance	69,000	104,400	113,349	(8,949)
Utilities/telephone	18,000	14,000	13,868	132
Volunteer Firemen reimbursemen	20,000	13,000	13,055	(55)
Capital outlay	-	-	8,268	(8,268)
Total expenditures	<u>293,300</u>	<u>299,000</u>	<u>304,626</u>	<u>(5,626)</u>
Excess of revenues over expenditure	51,800	50,140	91,340	41,200
Nonoperating revenues:				
Interest	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>851</u>	<u>751</u>
Net change in fund balance	51,900	50,240	92,191	41,951
Fund balance, beginning	<u>758,284</u>	<u>758,284</u>	<u>758,284</u>	-
Fund balance, ending	<u>\$810,184</u>	<u>\$808,524</u>	<u>\$ 850,475</u>	<u>\$ 41,951</u>

## **SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**

## Independent Accountant's Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures

Board of Commissioners  
Mamou Fire Protection District No. 1  
Mamou, Louisiana

We have performed the procedures included in the *Louisiana Government Audit Guide* and enumerated below, which were agreed to by the management of Mamou Fire Protection District No. 1 and the Legislative Auditor, State of Louisiana, solely to assist the users in evaluating management's assertions about Mamou Fire Protection District No. 1's compliance with certain laws and regulations during the year ended December 31, 2024 included in the *Louisiana Attestation Questionnaire*. This agreed-upon procedures engagement was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The sufficiency of these procedures is solely the responsibility of those parties specified in the report. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

### Public Bid Law

1. Select all expenditures made during the year for material and supplies exceeding \$60,000, or public works exceeding \$250,000, and determine whether such purchases were made in accordance with LSA-RS 38:2211-2251 (the public bid law).

There were no purchases of materials or supplies exceeding \$60,000, nor public works exceeding \$250,000.

### Code of Ethics for Public Officials and Public Employees

2. Obtain from management a list of the immediate family members of each board member as defined by LSA-RS 42:1101-1124 (the code of ethics).

Management provided us with the required list including the noted information.

3. Obtain from management a listing of all employees paid during the period under examination.

Management provided us with required list.

4. Determine whether any of those employees included in the listing obtained from management in agreed-upon procedure (3) were also included on the listing obtained from management in agreed-upon procedure (2) as immediate family members.

None of the employees included on the list of employees provided by management in agreed-upon procedure (3) appeared on the list of immediate family members provided by management in agreed-upon procedure (2).

5. Obtain a list of all disbursements made during the year; and a list of outside business interests of board members, employees, and board members' and employees' immediate families. Report whether any vendors appear on both lists

None of the vendors appeared on both lists.

#### Budgeting

6. Obtained a copy of the legally adopted budget and all amendments.

Management provided us with a copy of the original and amended budgets.

7. Trace the budget adoption and amendments to the minute book.

We traced the adoption of the original and amended budgets to the minutes of a meeting which indicated that the budgets had been adopted.

8. Compare the revenues and expenditures of the final budget to actual revenues and expenditures to determine if actual revenues failed to meet budgeted revenues or actual expenditures exceeded budgeted expenditures by more than 5%.

We compared the revenues and expenditures of the final budget to actual revenues and expenditures. Neither actual revenues nor actual expenditures failed to meet budgeted revenues or exceeded budgeted expenditures by 5% or more.

#### Accounting and Reporting

9. Randomly select 6 disbursements made during the period under examination and:

- (a) trace payments to supporting documentation as to proper amount and payee;

We examined supporting documentation for each of the six selected disbursements and found that payment was for the proper amount and made to the correct payee.

- (b) determine if payments were properly coded to the correct fund and general ledger account; and

All of the payments were properly coded to the correct fund and general ledger account.

- (c) determine whether payments received approval from proper authorities.

Inspection of documentation supporting each of the six selected disbursements indicated approval.

#### Meetings

10. Examine evidence indicating that agendas for meetings recorded in the minute book were posted or advertised as required by LSA-RS 42:1 through 42:12 (the open meetings law).

A notice of each meeting and the accompanying agenda is posted on the door of the meeting place. Minutes of Meeting are printed in the local newspaper as evidenced by invoices.

Debt

11. Examine bank deposits for the period under examination and determine whether any such deposits appear to be proceeds of banks loans, bonds, or like indebtedness.

We inspected copies of bank deposit slips for the period under examination and noted no deposits which appeared to be proceeds of bank loans, bonds, or like indebtedness.

Advances and Bonuses

12. Examine payroll records and minutes for the year to determine whether any payments have been made to employees who may constitute bonuses, advance, or gifts.

A reading of the minutes of the district for the year indicated no approval for any such payments. We also inspected payroll records for the year and note no instances which would indicate payments to employees which would constitute bonuses, advances, or gifts.

State Audit Law

13. Report whether the agency provided for timely report in accordance with R.S. 24:513.

The agency did provide for a timely report.

14. Inquire of management and report whether the agency entered into any contracts that utilized state funds as defined in R.S. 39:72.1 A. (2); and that were subject to the public bid law (R.S. 38:2211, et seq.), while the agency was not in compliance with R.S. 24:513 (the audit law).

This section is not applicable.

Prior-Year Comments

15. Obtain and report management's representation as to whether any prior-year suggestions, recommendations, and/or comments have been resolved..

Prior year comments have been resolved.

We were not engaged to, and did not; conduct an audit, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion on management's assertions. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

This report is intended solely for the use of management of Mamou Fire Protection District No. 1 and the Legislative Auditor, State of Louisiana, and is not intended to be 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. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

***Darnall, Sikes & Frederick***

A Corporation of Certified Public Accountants

Eunice, Louisiana  
April 3, 2025

MAMOU FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1  
Evangeline Parish, Louisiana

Schedule of Findings and  
Planned Corrective Action  
Year Ended December 31, 2024

2024-001 Inadequate Segregation of Duties

Condition:

The District did not have adequate segregation of functions within the accounting system.

Criteria:

SAS109, Understanding the Entity and its Environment and Assessing the Risks of Material Misstatement, AU314.43 defines internal control as follows:

“Internal control is a process, affected by those charged with governance, management, and other personnel, designed to provide reasonable assurance about the achievement of objectives with regard to reliability of financial reporting, effectiveness and efficiency of operations, and compliance with applicable laws and regulations.”

Additionally, Statements on Standards for Attestation Engagements (SSAE) AT501.03 states:

“An entity’s internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that pertain to an entity’s ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data consistent with the assertions embodied in either annual financial statements or interim financial statements, or both.”

Cause:

The cause of the condition is the fact that the District does not have a sufficient number of staff performing administrative and financial duties so as to provide adequate segregation of accounting and financial duties.

Effect:

Failure to adequately segregate accounting and financial functions increases the risk that errors and/or irregularities including fraud and/or defalcations may occur and not be prevented and/or detected.

Recommendation:

Considering the cost/benefit implications to the District, all efforts should be made to achieve the highest level of segregation of duties possible.

Views of Responsible Officials and Corrective Action Plan:

The District has provided as much segregation of duties as is feasibly possible at this time.

MAMOU FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1  
Evangeline Parish, Louisiana

Schedule of Prior Year Findings  
Year Ended December 31, 2024

2023-001 Inadequate Segregation of Duties

This finding is unresolved. See current year finding 2024-001.

2023-002 Bank Reconciliation Procedures

This finding has been resolved.

2023-003 Preparation of Payroll Reports and Remittance of Payroll Taxes

This finding has been resolved.



**LOUISIANA ATTESTATION QUESTIONNAIRE**  
**(For Attestation Engagements of Governmental Agencies)**

\_\_\_\_\_ (Date Transmitted)

\_\_\_\_\_ (CPA Firm Name)

\_\_\_\_\_ (CPA Firm Address)

\_\_\_\_\_ (City, State Zip)

In connection with your engagement to apply agreed-upon procedures to the control and compliance matters identified below, as of \_\_\_\_\_ (date) and for the year then ended, and as required by Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 24:513 and the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide*, we make the following representations to you.

**Public Bid Law**

It is true that we have complied with the state procurement code (R.S. 39:1551 – 39:1755); the public bid law (R.S. 38:2211-2296), and, where applicable, the regulations of the Division of Administration and the State Purchasing Office.

Yes [☒] No [ ] N/A [ ]

**Code of Ethics for Public Officials and Public Employees**

It is true that no employees or officials have accepted anything of value, whether in the form of a service, loan, or promise, from anyone that would constitute a violation of R.S. 42:1101-1124.

Yes [☒] No [ ] N/A [ ]

It is true that no member of the immediate family of any member of the governing authority, or the chief executive of the governmental entity, has been employed by the governmental entity after April 1, 1980, under circumstances that would constitute a violation of R.S. 42:1119.

Yes [☒] No [ ] N/A [ ]

**Budgeting**

We have complied with the state budgeting requirements of the Local Government Budget Act (R.S. 39:1301-15), R.S. 39:33, or the budget requirements of R.S. 39:1331-1342, as applicable.

Yes [☒] No [ ] N/A [ ]

**Accounting and Reporting**

All non-exempt governmental records are available as a public record and have been retained for at least three years, as required by R.S. 44:1, 44:7, 44:31, and 44:36.

Yes [☒] No [ ] N/A [ ]

We have filed our annual financial statements in accordance with R.S. 24:514, and 33:463 where applicable.

Yes [☒] No [ ] N/A [ ]

We have had our financial statements reviewed in accordance with R.S. 24:513.

Yes [☒] No [ ] N/A [ ]

We did not enter into any contracts that utilized state funds as defined in R.S. 39:72.1 A. (2); and that were subject to the public bid law (R.S. 38:2211, et seq.), while the agency was not in compliance with R.S. 24:513 (the audit law).

Yes [☒] No [ ] N/A [ ]

We have complied with R.S. 24:513 A. (3) regarding disclosure of compensation, reimbursements, benefits and other payments to the agency head, political subdivision head, or chief executive officer.

Yes [☒] No [ ] N/A [ ]

We have complied with R.S. 24:515.2 regarding reporting of pre- and post- adjudication court costs, fines and fees assessed or imposed; the amounts collected; the amounts outstanding; the amounts retained; the amounts disbursed, and the amounts received from disbursements.

Yes [☒] No [ ] N/A [ ]

#### Meetings

We have complied with the provisions of the Open Meetings Law, provided in R.S. 42:11 through 42:28.

Yes [☒] No [ ] N/A [ ]

#### Debt

It is true we have not incurred any indebtedness, other than credit for 90 days or less to make purchases in the ordinary course of administration, nor have we entered into any lease-purchase agreements, without the approval of the State Bond Commission, as provided by Article VII, Section 8 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, Article VI, Section 33 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, and R.S. 39:1410.60-1410.65.

Yes [☒] No [ ] N/A [ ]

#### Advances and Bonuses

It is true we have not advanced wages or salaries to employees or paid bonuses in violation of Article VII, Section 14 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, R.S. 14:138, and AG opinion 79-729.

Yes [☒] No [ ] N/A [ ]

#### Prior-Year Comments

We have resolved all prior-year recommendations and/or comments.

Yes [☒] No [ ] N/A [ ]

#### General

We acknowledge that we are responsible for the Agency's compliance with the foregoing laws and regulations and the internal controls over compliance with such laws and regulations.

Yes [☒] No [ ] N/A [ ]

We acknowledge that we are responsible for determining that the procedures performed are appropriate for the purposes of this engagement.

Yes [☒] No [ ] N/A [ ]

We have evaluated our compliance with these laws and regulations prior to making these representations.

Yes [☒] No [ ] N/A [ ]

We have provided you with all relevant information and access under the terms of our agreement.

Yes [☒] No [ ] N/A [ ]

We have disclosed to you all known noncompliance of the foregoing laws and regulations, as well as any contradictions to the foregoing representations.

Yes [☒] No [ ] N/A [ ]

We are not aware of any material misstatements in the information we have provided to you.

Yes [☒] No [ ] N/A [ ]

We have disclosed to you any communications from regulatory agencies, internal auditors, other independent practitioners or consultants, and others concerning noncompliance with the foregoing laws and regulations, including communications received during the period under examination; and will disclose

Yes [ ☒ ] No [ ☐ ] N/A [ ☐ ]

Yes [ ☒ ] No [ ☐ ] N/A [ ☐ ]

\_\_\_\_\_ Secretary 3-26-25 Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ President 3-26-25 Date \_\_\_\_\_