

CAMERON PARISH AMBULANCE  
DISTRICT NO. 2

Annual Financial Report

December 31, 2023

CAMERON PARISH AMBULANCE DISTRICT NO. 2  
Hackberry, Louisiana

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**CAMERON PARISH AMBULANCE DISTRICT NO. 2  
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS AS  
OF DECEMBER 31, 2023**

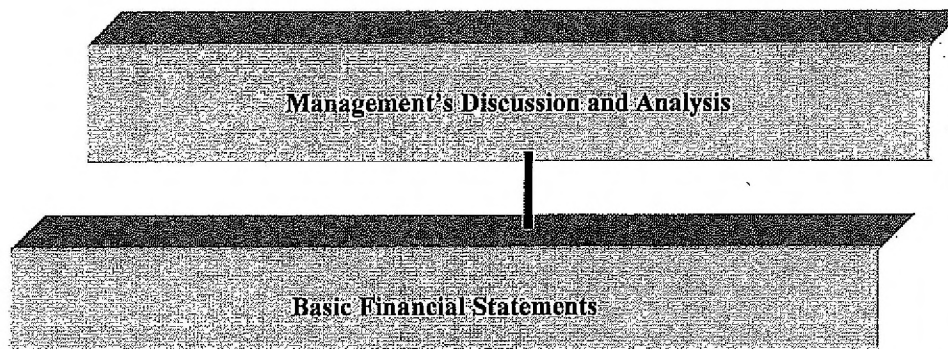
The Management's Discussion and Analysis of the Cameron Parish Ambulance District No. 2's financial performance presents a narrative overview and analysis of the Cameron Parish Ambulance District No. 2's financial activities for the year ended December 31, 2023. This document focuses on the current year's activities, resulting changes, and currently known facts in comparison with the prior year's information. Please read this document in conjunction with the additional information contained in the financial statements.

**FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

- The Cameron Parish Ambulance District No. 2's assets exceeded its liabilities at the close of the fiscal year 2023 by \$14,113,922. Of this amount, \$11,981,059 may be used to meet the Cameron Parish Ambulance District No. 2's ongoing obligations to its users.
- The Cameron Parish Ambulance District No. 2's operating revenue increased \$11,768 and the net operating income decreased by \$835,027 from prior year. The revenue increase was due to increased patient service revenues. The net operating income increase was due to decreased operating expenses. Non-operating income increased due to increase in ad valorem tax revenue. The change in net position increased by \$1,816,733 caused by the increase in Non-operating income.

**OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The following graphic illustrates the minimum requirements for Special Purpose Governments Engaged in Business Type Activities established by Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement 34, Basic Financial Statements-and Management's Discussion and Analysis-for State and Local Governments.



These financial statements consist of two sections: Management's Discussion and Analysis (this section) and the basic financial statements (including the notes to the financial statements).

**CAMERON PARISH AMBULANCE DISTRICT NO. 2  
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS AS  
OF DECEMBER 31, 2023**

**Basic Financial Statements**

The basic financial statements present information for the Cameron Parish Ambulance District No. 2 as a whole, in a format designed to make the statements easier for the reader to understand. The statements in this section include the Statement of Net Position; the Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position; and the Statement of Cash Flows.

The Statement of Net Position (page 7) presents the current and long-term portions of assets and liabilities separately. The difference between total assets and total liabilities is net position and may provide a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the Cameron Parish Ambulance District No. 2 is improving or deteriorating.

The Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position (page 8) presents information showing how the Cameron Parish Ambulance District No. 2's assets changed as a result of current year operations. Regardless of when cash is affected, all changes in net position are reported when the underlying transactions occur. As a result, there are transactions included that will not affect cash until future fiscal periods.

The Statement of Cash Flow (pages 9-10) presents information showing how the Cameron Parish Ambulance District No. 2's cash changed as a result of current year operations. The cash flow statement is prepared using the direct method and includes the reconciliation of operating income (loss) to net cash provided (used) by operating activities (indirect method) as required by GASB 34.

**FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE ENTITY**

	<b>Summary of Net Position</b>	
	2023	2022
Assets:		
Current Assets	\$12,283,829	\$9,470,680
Capital Assets	2,132,863	1,796,980
Other	100	1,003,402
Total Assets	14,416,792	12,271,062
Deferred Outflows of Resources	1,119,883	296,855
Liabilities:		
Current Liabilities	491,312	338,488
Long-term Liabilities	831,489	-0-
Total Liabilities	1,322,801	388,488
Deferred Inflows of Resources	99,952	933,946
Net Position:		
Capital Net of Debt	2,132,863	1,796,980
Unrestricted	11,981,059	9,498,503
Total Net Position	\$14,113,922	\$11,295,483

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OF DECEMBER 31, 2023**

	2023	2022
Operating Revenues	\$247,762	\$235,994
Operating Expenses	(3,756,689)	(2,909,894)
Net Operating Income (Loss)	(3,508,927)	(2,673,900)
Non-operating Revenues (Expenses)	6,327,366	3,675,606
Change in Net Position	\$2,818,439	\$1,001,706

Operating Revenues consist of patient service revenue. Operating Expenses consist mainly of depreciation, insurance, station/ambulance supplies and salaries and employee benefits expenses.

**CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION**

**Capital Assets**

As of December 31, 2023, the Cameron Parish Ambulance District No. 2 had \$2,132,863, net of accumulated depreciation, invested in a broad range of capital assets, including buildings, equipment, and ambulances. This amount represents a net increase (including additions and deductions) of \$335,883 over last year.

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Ambulance and vehicles	\$ 1,173,976	\$ 1,196,892
Buildings	1,173,976	1,673,904
Other property and equipment	969,493	608,671
Land	<u>234,128</u>	<u>234,128</u>
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(2,027,983)</u>	<u>(1,913,615)</u>
	<u>\$2,132,863</u>	<u>\$1,796,980</u>

**CONTACTING THE DISTRICT'S MANAGEMENT**

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, customers, and creditors with a general overview of the Cameron Parish Ambulance District No. 2's finances and to show the Cameron Parish Ambulance District No. 2's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact Darla B. Perry, CPA, Cameron Parish Ambulance District No. 2.

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Cameron Parish Ambulance District No. 2  
Hackberry, Louisiana

### **Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements**

#### **Opinions**

We have audited the financial statements of the business-type activities of the Cameron Parish Ambulance District No. 2, component unit of Cameron Parish Police Jury, as of and for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Cameron Parish Ambulance District No. 2'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 business-type activities of the Cameron Parish Ambulance District No. 2 as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows thereof for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### **Basis for Opinions**

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Cameron Parish Ambulance District No. 2 and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

#### **Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of 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.

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 Cameron Parish Ambulance District No. 2's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

## **Auditor's Responsibility 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 with GAAS 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, internal 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 judgement made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and Government Auditing Standards, we

- Exercise professional judgement 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 accounts 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 Cameron Parish Ambulance District No. 2'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 Cameron Parish Ambulance District No. 2's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

## **Required Supplementary Information**

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis on pages 2 through 4, and the pension liability information be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management, and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to my inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

## **Supplementary Information**

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Cameron Parish Ambulance District No. 2's basic financial statements. The Schedule of Compensation, Benefits and Other Payments is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the 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 is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

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

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated February 6, 2024 on our consideration of the Cameron Parish Ambulance District No. 2's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Cameron Parish Ambulance District No. 2'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 Cameron Parish Ambulance District No. 2's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

*Steven M. DeRouen & Associates, LLC*

Lake Charles, Louisiana

February 6, 2024



**Cameron Parish Ambulance District No. 2**  
**Statements of Net Position**  
**As of December 31, 2023**  
**with Comparative Totals for December 31, 2022**

<b>ASSETS</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 247,171	\$ 452,672
Investments	6,004,924	5,248,741
Patient Accounts receivable, Net	17,904	33,828
Ad Valorem Tax Receivable	5,692,815	3,506,520
Prepaid expenses	274,420	187,284
Inventory	46,595	41,635
Total Current Assets	12,283,829	9,470,680
<b>PROPERTY, PLANT, AND EQUIPMENT</b>		
Buildings	1,783,249	1,673,904
Ambulances and vehicles	1,173,976	1,193,892
Equipment	969,493	608,671
Less: accumulated depreciation and amortization	(2,027,983)	(1,913,615)
	1,898,735	1,562,852
Land	234,128	234,128
Net Property, Plant, and Equipment	2,132,863	1,796,980
<b>OTHER ASSETS</b>		
Deposit	100	7,150
Net Pension Asset	-	996,252
Total Other Assets	100	1,003,402
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	14,416,792	12,271,062
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources Related to Pension</b>	1,119,883	296,855
<b>TOTAL ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS</b>	\$ 15,536,675	\$ 12,567,917

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

**Cameron Parish Ambulance District No. 2**  
**Statements of Net Position (Continued)**  
**As of December 31, 2022**  
**with Comparative Totals for December 31, 2021**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts payable	\$ 100,297	\$ 69,314
Accrued Liabilities	391,015	269,174
Total Current Liabilities	491,312	338,488
 <b>LONG-TERM LIABILITIES</b>		
Net Pension liability	831,489	-
Total Long-Term Liabilities	831,489	-
 <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	 1,322,801	 338,488
 <b>Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pension</b>	 99,952	 933,946
 <b>NET POSITION</b>		
Capital Assets, net of related debt	2,132,863	1,796,980
Unrestricted amounts	11,981,059	9,498,503
<b>TOTAL NET POSITION</b>	14,113,922	11,295,483
 <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS AND NET POSITION</b>	 \$ 15,536,675	 \$ 12,567,917

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

**Cameron Parish Ambulance District No. 2**  
**Statements of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position**  
**For The Years Ended December 31, 2023**  
**with Comparative Totals for December 31, 2022**

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
<b>OPERATING REVENUES</b>		
Patient Fees	\$ 247,762	\$ 235,994
Total Operating Revenues	<u>247,762</u>	<u>235,994</u>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>		
Advertising	1,044	1,175
Commissioners' Fees	941	622
Bad Debt Expense	116,180	71,562
Depreciation expense	208,193	199,051
Dispatch Services	60,000	20,004
Education Expense	13,733	8,413
Employee Retirement	353,968	(198,440)
Employee Drug Test	188	1,004
Fuel	21,503	23,254
Insurance	778,313	734,930
Licenses and Permits	5,374	5,041
Office expense	12,988	6,683
Payroll Taxes	30,871	31,095
Professional fees	86,707	81,409
Repairs and maintenance	93,404	152,214
Rent expense	-	12,047
Salaries	1,749,060	1,599,822
Supplies	133,870	91,251
Travel	5,154	861
Uniforms	14,233	4,836
Telephone and Utilities	70,965	63,060
Total Operating Expenses	<u>3,756,689</u>	<u>2,909,894</u>
<b>INCOME (LOSS) FROM OPERATIONS</b>	<u>(3,508,927)</u>	<u>(2,673,900)</u>
<b>NON-OPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)</b>		
Ad Valorem Taxes	5,824,354	3,666,601
Interest Income	356,183	111,329
Donated value net	(7,966)	(98,107)
Insurance reimbursement	409,916	-
Hurricane loss	(274,016)	(58,031)
Miscellaneous Income	18,895	53,814
Total Non-Operating Revenues	<u>6,327,366</u>	<u>3,675,606</u>
<b>CHANGE IN NET POSITION</b>	2,818,439	1,001,706
<b>NET POSITION - BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	<u>11,295,483</u>	<u>10,293,777</u>
<b>NET POSITION - END OF YEAR</b>	<u>\$ 14,113,922</u>	<u>\$ 11,295,483</u>

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

**Cameron Parish Ambulance District No. 2**  
**Statements of Cash Flows**  
**For The Years Ended December 31, 2023**  
**with Comparative Totals for December 31, 2022**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>Cash Flows From Operating Activities:</b>		
Receipts from and on behalf of patients	\$ 263,686	\$ 235,636
Payments to suppliers and other operating expenses	(1,475,710)	(1,444,470)
Payments to employees and related expenses	(1,841,339)	(1,604,327)
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	(3,053,363)	(2,813,161)
<b>Cash Flows From Investing Activities:</b>		
Interest income	356,183	111,329
Purchase of investments	(756,183)	(400,037)
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Investing Activities	(400,000)	(288,708)
<b>Cash Flows From Capital and Related Financing Activities:</b>		
Other	427,577	9,999
Hurricane loss	(274,016)	(58,031)
Purchase of plant, property and equipment	(562,653)	(547,819)
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Capital and Related Financing Activities	(409,092)	(595,851)
<b>Cash Flows From Non-Capital and Related Financing Activities:</b>		
Ad valorem taxes	3,638,059	3,650,686
Other revenues	18,895	53,814
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Non-Capital Activities	3,656,954	3,704,500
<b>Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>	(205,501)	6,780
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents - Beginning of Year</b>	452,672	445,892
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents - End of Year</b>	\$ 247,171	\$ 452,672

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

**Cameron Parish Ambulance District No. 2**  
**Statements of Cash Flows**  
**For The Years Ended December 31, 2023**  
**with Comparative Totals for December 31, 2022**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>Reconciliation of Operating Income to Net Cash</b>		
<b>Provided (Used) by Operating Activities:</b>		
Operating income (loss)	\$ (3,508,927)	\$ (2,673,900)
Adjustments to reconcile net operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation	208,193	199,051
(Increase) decrease in patient receivables	15,924	(358)
(Increase) decrease in prepaid expenses	(87,136)	(2,274)
(Increase) decrease in inventory	(4,960)	3,396
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable	30,983	32,411
Increase (decrease) in accrued liabilities	121,841	(4,505)
Increase (decrease) in net pension liability (asset), inflows and outflows	170,719	(366,982)
 Total Adjustments	 455,564	 (139,261)
 <b>Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities</b>	 <b>\$ (3,053,363)</b>	 <b>\$ (2,813,161)</b>

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

## CAMERON PARISH AMBULANCE DISTRICT NO. 2

### Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 2023

#### Note 1 - Organization and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The Cameron Parish Ambulance District No. 2 (the "District") is a component unit of the Cameron Parish Police Jury. The District operates ambulance services in the Hackberry, Johnson Bayou, Grand Lake, and Big Lake communities in Cameron Parish.

As the governing authority of the Parish, for reporting purposes, the Cameron Parish Police Jury is the financial reporting entity for the Ambulance District. Accordingly, the Ambulance District was determined to be a component unit of the Cameron Parish Policy Jury based on GASB statement No. 14, *The Financial Reporting Entity*. The accompanying financial statements present only the Ambulance District.

The accounting policies of Cameron Parish Ambulance District No. 2 conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as applicable to governmental units. Such accounting and reporting procedures also conform to the requirements of Louisiana Revised Statutes 24:517 and to the guides set forth in the Louisiana Municipal Audit and Accounting Guide, and to the industry audit guide, Audits of State and Local Governmental Units. The following is a summary of the more significant policies:

#### A. Fund Accounting

The accounts of the District are organized on the basis of a proprietary fund, which is considered a separate accounting entity or enterprise fund. Enterprise funds are used to account for operations (a) that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises - where the intent of the governing body is that the costs (expenses, including depreciation) of providing goods and services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges; or (b) where the governing body has decided that periodic determination of revenues earned, expenses incurred, and/or net income is appropriate for capital maintenance, public policy, management control, accountability or other purposes.

#### B. Basis of Accounting

The District's statements of net position and revenues, expenses, and changes in fund net position are presented using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Accordingly, all assets and liabilities (whether current or noncurrent) are included on the Statement of Net Position. The Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Fund Position present increases (revenues) and decreases (expenses) in total net positions. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized in the period in which they are earned while expenses are recognized in the period in which the liability is incurred.

The District distinguishes operating revenues and expenses from nonoperating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services in connection with the entity's ongoing operations. The principal operating revenues of the District are charges for ambulance services. Operating expenses include the cost of salaries, depreciation, insurance and station supplies. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses.

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.

GASB No. 20 requires that governments' proprietary activities apply all applicable GASB pronouncements as well as the following pronouncements issued on or before November 30, 1989, unless those pronouncements

**CAMERON PARISH AMBULANCE DISTRICT NO. 2**

**Notes to Financial Statements**

December 31, 2023

**Note 1 - Organization and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

**B. Basis of Accounting (continued)**

conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements; Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") Statements and Interpretations, Accounting Principles Board Opinions and Accounting Research Bulletins. Governments are given the option whether or not to apply all FASB Statements and Interpretations issued after November 30, 1989, except for those that November 30, 1989, except for those that conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements. The Board has elected not to implement FASB Statements and Interpretations issued after November 30, 1989.

**C. Use of Estimates**

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

**D. Cash and Cash Equivalents**

For purpose of the statements of cash flows, the District considers all highly liquid investments with an original maturity of three months or less when purchased to be cash equivalents. Under state law, the District may deposit funds in demand deposits, interest-bearing demand deposits, or time deposits with state banks organized under Louisiana Law or any other state of the United States, or under the laws of the United States.

**E. Investments**

Investments are limited by Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 33:2955 and the District's investment policy. If the original maturities of the investments exceed 90 days, they are classified as investments; however, if the original maturities are 90 days or less, they are classified as cash equivalents.

**F. Inventories**

Inventories are valued at the latest invoice price, which approximated the lower of cost (first-in, first-out) or market.

**G. Capital Assets**

Capital assets are stated at cost. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of each class of depreciable assets, equipment under capital lease obligations is amortized using the straight-line method over the shorter period of the lease term or the estimated useful life of the equipment. The District maintains a threshold level of \$5,000 or more for capitalizing capital assets. The following estimated useful lives are generally used:

Ambulance	5 years
Furniture and Equipment Buildings	3-10 years
	30 years

## CAMERON PARISH AMBULANCE DISTRICT NO. 2

### Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 2023

#### **Note 1-. Organization and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

##### **H. Net Patient Service Revenues**

Net patient service revenues are reported at estimated net realizable amounts from patients, third-party payors, and others for services rendered, including estimated retroactive adjustments under reimbursement agreement with third-party payers. Retroactive adjustments are accrued on an estimated basis in the period the related services are rendered and adjusted in the future periods as final settlements are determined.

##### **I. Operating Revenues and Expenses**

The District's statements of revenues, expenses and changes in net position distinguishes between operating and non-operating revenues and expenses. Operating revenues result from exchange transactions associated with providing health care service, the District's principal activity. Non-Exchange revenues, including taxes, grants and contributions received for purposes other than capital asset acquisition, are reported as non-operating revenues. Operating expenses are all expenses incurred to provide health care services, other than financial costs.

##### **J. Income Taxes**

*The District is a political subdivision and exempt from taxes.*

##### **K. Risk Management**

The District is exposed to various risks of loss from torts, theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; business interruption; errors and omissions; employee injuries and illnesses; natural disasters; medical malpractice claims and judgments. Commercial insurance coverage is purchased for claims arising from such matters. The District has had no settled claims resulting from these risks that exceeded its commercial coverage in any of the past three years.

##### **L. Environmental Matters**

The District is subject to laws and regulations relating to the protection of the environment. The District's policy is to accrue environmental and clean up related costs of a non-capital nature when it is both probable that a liability has been incurred and when the amount can be reasonably estimated. Although it is not possible to quantify with any degree of certainty the potential financial impact of the District's continuing compliance efforts, management believes any future remediation or other compliance related costs will not have a material adverse effect on the financial condition or reported results of operations of the District. At December 31, 2023, management is not aware of any liability resulting from environmental matters.

##### **M. Net Position**

In the statement of net position, equity is classified as net position and displayed in three components:

- a. Investment in capital assets, net of related debt - consists of capital assets including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes, or other borrowings that are attributed to the acquisition, construction, or improvements of those assets.



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#### **Note 1-Organization and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

- b. Restricted net position - net position with constraints placed on the use either by a) external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or b) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- c. Unrestricted- all other net position is reported in this category.

The District typically uses restricted funds first, followed by any unassigned funds when expenditure is incurred for purposes for which amounts in either of these classifications could be used.

#### **Note 2 - Cash and Cash Equivalents**

Under state law, the District may deposit funds within a fiscal agent bank organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana, the laws of any other state 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, 2023, the District has cash and cash equivalents (book balances) totaling \$247,171. 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 equal the amount with the fiscal agent at all times.

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. At December 31, 2023, the District had \$351,118 in deposits (collected bank balances). These deposits were secured by federal deposit insurance and pledged securities held by the custodial bank in the name of the fiscal agent bank. (GASB Category 3).

Even though the pledged securities are considered uncollateralized (Category 3) under the provisions of GASB Statement 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 bank has failed to pay deposited funds upon demand.

#### **Note 3 - Investments**

Under state law, the District may invest in United States bonds, treasury notes, or certificates. These are classified as investments. In addition, local governments in Louisiana are authorized to invest in the Louisiana Asset Management Pool, Inc. (LAMP), a nonprofit corporation formed by an initiative of the State Treasurer. The financial statements of the Louisiana Asset Management Pool, Inc. (LAMP) can be obtained by accessing their website.

Investments held at December 31, 2023 consist of \$6,004,924 in the Louisiana Asset Management Pool (LAMP), a local government investment pool. In accordance with GASB Codification Section 150.126 the investment in LAMP at December 31, 2023 is not categorized in the three risk categories provided by GASB Codification Section 150.126 because the investment is in the pool of funds and therefore not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book entry form.

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#### Note 3 - Investments (continued)

LAMP is administered by LAMP, Inc., a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana. Only local government entities having contracted to participate in LAMP have an investment interest in its pool of assets. The primary objective of LAMP is to provide a safe environment for the placement of public funds in short- term, high quality investments. The LAMP portfolio includes only securities and other obligations in which local governments in Louisiana are authorized to invest in accordance with LSA-R.S. 33:2955.

GASB Statement No.40 Deposit and Investment Risk Disclosure, requires disclosure of credit risk, custodial credit risk, concentration of credit risk interest, and foreign currency risk for all public held entity investments.

Lamp is an investment pool that, to the extent practical, invest in a manner consistent with GASB Statement No. 79. The following facts are relevant for investment pools:

- Credit risk: LAMP is rated AAAM by Standard & Poor's.
- Custodial credit risk: LAMP participants' investments in the pool are evidenced by shares of the pool. Investments in pools should be disclosed, but not categorized because they are not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book-entry form. The public entity's investment is with the pool, not the securities that make up the pool; therefore, no disclosure is required.
- Concentration of credit risk: Pooled investments are excluded from the 5 percent disclosure requirement.
- Interest rate risk: LAMP is designed to be highly liquid to give its participants immediate access to their account balances. LAMP prepares its own interest rate risk disclosure using the weighted average maturity (WAM) method. The WAM of LAMP assets is restricted to not more than 90 days and consists of no securities with a maturity in excess of 397 days of 762 days for U.S. Government floating/variable rate investments.
- Foreign currency risk: Not applicable to 2a7-like pools.

The investments in LAMP are stated at fair value. The fair value is determined on a weekly basis by LAMP and the value of the position in the external investment pool is the same as the net asset value of the pool shares.

Effective August 1, 2001, LAMP's investment guidelines were amended to permit the investment in government- only money market funds. In its 2001 Regular Session, the Louisiana Legislature (Senate Bill No. 512, Act 701) enacted LSA - R.S. 33:2955 (A)(1)(h) which allows all municipalities, parishes, school boards, and any other political subdivision of the State to *invest* in "Investment grade (A-1/P-1) commercial paper of domestic United States corporations." Effective October 1, 2001, LAMP's Investment Guidelines were amended to allow the limited investment in A-1 or A-1+ commercial paper.

The dollar weighted average portfolio maturity of LAMP assets is restricted to not more than 90 days and consists of no securities with a maturity in excess of 397 days. LAMP is designed to be highly liquid to give its participants immediate access to their account balances. The investments in LAMP are stated at fair value based on quoted market rates. The fair value is determined on a weekly basis by LAMP and the value of the position in the external investment pool is the same as the value of the pool shares.

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**Note 3 - Investments (continued)**

LAMP, Inc. is subject to the regulatory oversight of the state treasurer and the board of directors. LAMP is not registered with the SEC as an investment company.

At December 31, 2023, the weighted-average yield of the deposits at LAMP was 5.4067% and the weighted average maturity cannot exceed 90 days. The weighted-average maturity for LAMP's total investments was 52 days as of December 31, 2023. LAMP is rated AAAM by Standard & Poors. The District does not have credit or interest rate risk policies for investments.

**Note 4 - Patient Accounts Receivable**

Patient accounts receivable reported as current assets by the Ambulance District at December 31, 2023, are as follows:

<u>Patient Accounts Receivable</u>	<u>2023</u>
Receivables from patients, insurance carriers, Medicare and Medicaid	\$ 17,904
Less allowance for uncollectible amounts	<u>-0-</u>
Patient accounts receivable, net	<u>\$ 17,904</u>

No provision has been made for bad debt expense at December 31, 2023.

**Note 5 - Net Patient Services Revenue**

The Ambulance District has agreements with third-party payers that provide for payments to the Ambulance District at amounts different from its established rates. A summary of the payment arrangements with major third-party payers follows:

Medicare- Covered ambulance services are paid based on a fee schedule.

Medicaid- Covered ambulance services are paid based on a fee schedule.

During the year ended December 31, 2023, approximately 67% of the Ambulance District's gross patient services were furnished to Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries.

The Ambulance District also has entered into payment arrangements with certain commercial insurance carriers, health maintenance organizations, and preferred provider organizations. The basis for payment to the Ambulance District under these agreements included prospectively determined rates per ambulance trip, discount on charges, and prospectively determined rates.

The Ambulance District also gives a parish resident discount to any resident of the parish who uses ambulance services. The Ambulance District bills private insurance companies, Medicare or Medicaid, or any other coverage of the patient and accepts this as payment in full from the resident.

**Note 6 - Concentrations of Credit Risk**

The Ambulance District grants credit without collateral to its patients, most of who are local residents and are insured under third-party payor agreements. The mix of receivables from patients and third-party payors at December 31, 2023 include amounts from Medicare, Medicaid, and other third-party payers.

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**Note 7 - Ad Valorem Taxes**

The District utilizes the Cameron Parish Tax Collector/Sheriff to bill and collect its property taxes using the assessed values determined by the tax assessor of Cameron Parish. The District has an authorized tax millage of 14 mills for general maintenance and operation of the District. The total tax levied was \$6,093,588 on assessed property valued at \$425,890,150 net.

Property tax millage rates are adopted in July for the calendar year in which the taxes are levied and recorded. Ad valorem taxes are assessed on a calendar year basis and attach as an enforceable lien and become due and payable on the date the tax rolls are filed with the recorder of mortgages. Louisiana Revised Statute 47:1993 requires that the tax roll be filed on or before November 15 of each year. Ad valorem taxes become delinquent if not paid by December 31. Property taxes not paid by the end of February are subject to lien.

Ad valorem tax receivable reported as current assets by the Ambulance District at December 31, 2023, are as follows: Ad Valorem Tax Receivable

	<u>2023</u>
· Ad valorem taxes	\$ 5,808,955
Less allowance for uncollectible amounts	<u>116,180</u>
Ad valorem tax receivable, net	<u>\$ 5,692,815</u>

Ad valorem taxes receivable are stated net of an allowance for uncollectible accounts. The district estimated the allowance based on its historical experience of the relationship between the total taxes levied and the actual amounts collected. The allowance for doubtful accounts was \$116,180 and \$71,562 at December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

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**Note 8 - Capital Assets**

Additions and deletions to property, plant, and equipment for the year ended December 31, 2023 were as follows:

	Balance			Balance
	<u>January 1,</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>December 31,</u>
Ambulances and vehicles	\$ 1,193,892	\$ -	\$ 19,916	\$ 1,173,976
Buildings	1,673,904	109,345	-	1,783,249
Other property and equipment	608,671	453,308	92,486	969,493
Land	<u>234,128</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>234,128</u>
Total	3,710,595	562,653	112,402	4,160,846
Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(1,913,615)</u>	<u>(208,193)</u>	<u>93,825</u>	<u>(2,027,983)</u>
Capital Assets, net	<u>\$ 1,796,980</u>	<u>\$ 354,460</u>	<u>\$ 206,227</u>	<u>\$ 2,132,863</u>

Depreciation expense for the year ending December 31, 2023 totaled \$208,193.

**Note 9 - Compensated Absences**

Employees may earn 9.24 hours per pay period of vacation, not to exceed a maximum of five hundred four (504) hours. No vacation time may be paid upon termination until the employee has been employed full time for one (1) year. Employees may redeem vacation time at the regular rate after the employee has been employed for one (1) year. After being employed for ten (10) years, employees can receive fifteen (15) vacation days per year at 13.86 hours per pay period.

Employees may earn sick leave at a rate of 3.08 hours per pay period, not to exceed five hundred seventy-six (576) hours. Sick leave days cannot be used in conjunction with annual leave, and in no instance shall an employee be paid for any accumulated sick leave left to an employee's credit at the time of termination from service.

The cost of leave privileges, computed in accordance with the GASB Codification Section C60, is recognized as a current year expenditure in governmental funds when leave is actually taken or when employees or their heirs are paid for accrued leave upon retirement or death. The cost of leave privileges not requiring current resources is recorded in the general long-term obligations account group.

At December 31, 2023 employees of the District have accumulated and vested \$150,836 of employee leave benefits, computed in accordance with GASB Codification Section C60.

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#### **Note 10-Retirement Commitments**

Parochial Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana (PERS) is the administrator of a cost sharing multiple employer defined benefit pension plan. PERS was established and provided for by RS 11:1901 of the Louisiana Revised Statute (LRS). Act 765 of the year 1979, established by the Legislature of the State of Louisiana, revised PERS to create Plan A and Plan B to replace the "regular plan" and the "supplemental plan". Plan A was designated for employers out of Social Security. Plan B was designed for those employers that remained in Social Security on the revision date. PERS provides retirement benefits to *employees* of taxing districts of a parish or any branch or section of a parish *within* the State which does not have their own retirement system, and which elects to become members of PERS.

#### ***Retirement Benefits***

Any member of Plan A hired prior to January 1, 2007 can retire providing he/she meets one of the following criteria: any age with thirty (30) years of creditable service; age 55 with twenty-five (25) years of creditable service; age 60 with a minimum of ten (10) years of creditable services; age 65 with a minimum of seven (7) years of creditable service. For employees hired after January 1, 2007, he/she must meet the following criteria to retire: age 55 with 30 years of service; age 62 with 10 years of service; age 67 with 7 years of service. Generally, the monthly amount of the retirement allowance of any member of Plan A shall consist of an amount equal to three percent (3%) of the member's final average compensation multiplied by his/her years of creditable service. However, under certain conditions, as outlined in the statutes, the benefits are limited to specified amounts.

#### ***Disability Benefits***

For Plan A, a member shall be eligible to retire and receive a disability benefit if he/she was hired prior to January 1, 2007, and has at least five (5) years of creditable service or if hired after January 1, 2007, has seven (7) years of creditable service, and is not eligible for normal retirement, and has been officially certified as disabled by the State Medical Disability Board. Upon retirement caused by disability, a member of Plan A shall be paid a disability benefit equal to the lesser of an amount equal to three percent of the member's final average compensation multiplied by his years of service, not to be less than fifteen, or three percent multiplied by years of service assuming continued service to age 60.

#### ***Survivor Benefits***

Upon the death of any member of Plan A with five (5) or more years of creditable service who is not eligible for retirement, the plan provides for benefits for the surviving spouse and minor children, as outlined in the statutes.

Any member of Plan A, who is eligible for normal retirement at time of death, the surviving spouse shall receive an automatic Option 2 benefit, as outlined in the statutes.

#### ***Deferred Retirement Option Plan***

Act 338 of 1990 established the Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP) for the Retirement System. DROP is an option for that member who is eligible for normal retirement.

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#### **Note 10-Retirement Commitments (continued)**

In lieu of terminating employment and accepting a service retirement, any member of Plan A who is eligible to retire may elect to participate in the Defined Retirement Option Plan (DROP) in which they are enrolled for three years and defer the receipts of benefits. During participation in the plan, employer contributions are payable, but employee contributions cease. The monthly retirement benefits that would be payable, had the person elected to cease employment and receive a service retirement allowance, are paid into the DROP Fund.

Upon termination of employment prior to or at the end of the specified period of participation, a participant in the DROP may receive, at his option, a lump sum from the account equal to the payments into the account, a true annuity based upon his account balance in that fund, or roll over the fund to an Individual Retirement Account.

Interest is accrued on the DROP benefits for the period between the end of DROP participation and the member's retirement date.

For individuals who become eligible to participate in the Deferred Retirement Option Plan on or after January 1, 2004, all amounts which remain credited to the individual's subaccounts after termination in the Plan will be placed in liquid asset money market investments at the discretion of the board of trustees. These subaccounts may be credited with interest based on money market rates of return or, at the option of PERS, the funds may be credited to self-directed subaccounts. The participant in the self - directed portion of this Plan must agree that the benefits payable to the participant are not the obligations of the state or PERS, and that any returns and other rights of the Plan are the sole liability and responsibility of the participant and the designated provider to which contributions have been made.

#### ***Cost of Living Increases***

The Board is authorized to provide a cost of living allowance for those retirees who retired prior to July 1973. The adjustment cannot exceed 2% of the retiree's original benefit for each full calendar year since retirement and may only be granted if sufficient funds are available from investment income in excess of normal requirements. In addition, the Board may provide an additional cost of living increase to all retirees and beneficiaries who are over age sixty-five equal to 2% of the member's benefit paid on October 1, 1977, (or the member's retirement date, if later). Also, the Board may provide a cost of living increase up to 2.5% for retirees 62 and older. (RS 11:1937). Lastly, Act 270 of 2009 provided for further reduced actuarial payments to provide an annual 2.5% cost of living adjustment connecting at age 55.

#### ***Employer Contributions***

According to state statute, contributions for all employers are actuarially determined each year. For the year ended December 31, 2022, the actuarially determined contribution rate was 7.10% of member's compensation for Plan A. However, the actual rate for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2023 was 11.50% for Plan A.

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**Note 10-Retirement Commitments (continued)**

***Non-employer Contributions***

According to state statute, the System also receives ¼ of 1% of ad valorem taxes collected within the respective parishes, except for Orleans and East Baton Rouge parishes. The System also received revenue sharing funds each year as appropriated by the Legislature. Tax monies and revenue sharing monies are apportioned between Plan A and Plan B in proportion to the member's compensation. These additional sources of income are used as additional employer contributions and are considered support from non-employer contributing entities.

***Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources***

At December 31, 2023, the District reported an liability in its financial statements of \$831,489 for its proportionate share of the net pension (assets) of PERS. The net pension (assets) were measured as of December 31, 2022 and the total pension asset used to calculate the net pension obligation was determined by separate actuarial valuations performed as of that date. The District's proportion of the net pension asset was based on a projection of the District's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected, contributions of all participating employers, actuarially determined.

For the year ended December 31, 2023, the District recognized a net pension expense (income) of \$353,968 in its activities.

At December 31, 2023, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows	Deferred Inflows
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 30,742	\$ 91,610
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	877,786	8,342
Differences between District contributions and proportionate share of contributions	1,570	-
Changes in assumptions	26,536	-
District contributions made subsequent to the measurement date	183,249	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,119,883</b>	<b>\$ 99,952</b>



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**Note 10 - Retirement Commitments (continued)**

The \$183,249 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from the District's contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended December 31, 2023. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year	
2024	\$ 138,312
2025	279,336
2026	393,507
2027	<u>25,527</u>
	<u>\$ 836,682</u>

***Actuarial Assumptions***

A summary of the actuarial methods and assumptions used in determining the total pension liability as of December 31, 2022 are as follows:

Parochial Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana Plan A

Valuation Date	December 31, 2022
Actuarial Cost Method	<i>Entry Age Normal</i>
Actuarial Assumptions:	
Investment Rate of Return	6.40%, net of investment expense, including inflation
Projected Salary Increases	4.75%
Expected Remaining Service	4 years
Cost of Living Adjustments	The present value of future retirement benefits is based on benefits currently being paid by the System and includes previously granted cost of living increases. The present values do not include provisions for potential future increase not yet authorized by the Board of Trustees.

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**Note 10 - Retirement Commitments (continued)**

Mortality	Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Table for Health Retirees multiplied by 130% for males and 125% for females
Inflation Rate	2.30%

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 6.40% for Plan A. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at the current contribution rates and that contributions from participating employers and non-employer contributing entities will be made at the actuarially determined contribution rates, which are calculated in accordance with relevant statutes and approved by the Board of Trustees and the Public Retirement Systems' Actuarial Committee. Based on those assumptions, *PERS's* fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefits payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a triangulation method which integrated the CAPM pricing model (top-down), a treasury yield curve approach (bottom-up) and an equity building- block model (bottom-up). Risk return and correlations are projected on a forward-looking basis in equilibrium, in which best-estimates of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These rates are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation of 2.00% and an adjustment for the effect of rebalancing/diversification. The resulting expected long-term rate of return is 7.00% for the year ended December 31, 2022.

Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the System's target asset allocation as of December 31, 2022 are summarized in the following table:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term expected Portfolio Real Rate of Return</u>
<b>Fixed income</b>	33%	1.17%
Equity	51%	3.58%
Alternatives	14%	0.73%
<b>Real assets</b>	2%	0.12%
Totals	100%	5.60%
Inflation		<u>2.10%</u>
Expected Arithmetic Nominal Return		<u>7.10%</u>

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**Note 10 - Retirement Commitments (continued)**

The mortality rate assumptions used was set based upon an experience study performed on plan data for their period January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2017. The data was then assigned credibility weighting and combined with a standard table to produce current levels of mortality. This mortality was then projected forward to a period equivalent to the estimated duration of the PERS's liabilities. Annuity values calculated based on this mortality were compared to those produced by using a setback of standard tables. The result of the procedure indicated that the tables used would produce liability values approximating the appropriate generational mortality tables.

***Sensitivity to Changes in Discount Rate***

The following presents the net pension liability/asset of the participating employers as of December 31, 2023 calculated using the discount rate of 6.40%, as well as what the employers' net pension liability/(asset) would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower 5.40% or one percentage point higher 7.40% that the current rate.

	<u>Changes in Discount Rate:</u>		
	<u>1%</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>1%</u>
	<u>Decrease</u>	<u>Discount</u>	<u>Increase</u>
	<u>5.40%</u>	<u>Rate 6.40%</u>	<u>7.40%</u>
Net Pension Liability (Asset)	<u>\$ 2,056,300</u>	<u>\$831,419</u>	<u>\$ (195,358)</u>

***Retirement Systems Audit Report***

The Parochial Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana has issued a stand-alone audit report on their financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2022. Access to the report can be found on the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's website, [www.la.la.gov](http://www.la.la.gov).

**Note 11-Post-Employment Benefits**

The District does not provide any post-employment benefits; therefore, no disclosure for GASB Statement No. 75 - *Accounting and Financial Reporting or Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions*, is required.

**Note 12 - Contingencies/Litigation**

**Pending Litigation**

The District is also a defendant in a lawsuit arising in the normal course of operations. In the aggregate, these claims seek monetary damages in significant amounts. The loss from the litigation in these matters is both probable and reasonably possible, yet cannot be estimated, and therefore, has not been accrued in the accompanying financial statements. The District carries insurance through commercial carriers that should be sufficient to cover all risks of loss.

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**Note 13 - Compensation of Board Commissioners**

A detail of compensation paid to individual board commissioners for the year ended December 31, 2023.

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Calise Romero	\$ 175
Kattie Toups	17
Phyllis Doxey	206
Randall McFatter	350
Lynn Griffith	193
Total	\$ 941

Board commissioners receive mileage reimbursement using state guidelines for attendance of each board meeting.

**Note 14 - Subsequent Events**

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

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

**Cameron Parish Ambulance District No. 2**

**Parochial Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana  
Schedule of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Li  
For The Year Ended December 31, 2023**

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
District's proportion of the net pension liability (asset)	0.178%	0.002%	0.185%	-0.201%	0.207%	0.220%	-0.224%	-0.211%	0.177%
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	\$ 48,604	\$ 457,344	\$ 381,160	\$ (149,061)	\$ 920,072	\$ 10,362	\$ (392,956)	\$ (996,252)	\$ 831,489
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 996,178	\$ 1,097,582	\$ 1,236,107	\$ 1,274,399	\$ 1,395,743	\$ 1,497,550	\$ 1,419,018	\$ 1,465,585	\$ 1,593,470
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	4.9%	41.7%	30.8%	-11.7%	65.9%	0.69%	-27.69%	-67.98%	52.18%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	99.15%	92.23%	94.15%	101.98%	88.86%	99.89%	103.99%	110.46%	110.46%

The schedule is intended to report information for 10 years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available. The amounts presented have a measurement date of the previous fiscal year.

The notes to financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

**Cameron Parish Ambulance District No. 2**

**Parochial Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana  
Schedule of the District's Contributions  
For The Year Ended December 31, 2023**

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
Contractually required contribution	\$ 142,686	\$ 154,513	\$ 146,556	\$ 160,510	\$ 183,362	\$ 173,830	\$ 168,542	\$ 183,249
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	\$ 142,686	\$ 154,513	\$ 146,556	\$ 160,510	\$ 183,362	\$ 173,830	\$ 168,542	\$ 183,249
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 1,097,582	\$ 1,236,107	\$ 1,274,399	\$ 1,395,743	\$ 1,497,550	\$ 1,419,018	\$ 1,465,585	\$ 1,593,470
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	13.0%	12.5%	11.5%	11.5%	12.24%	12.25%	11.5%	11.5%

The schedule is intended to report information for 10 years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available. The amounts presented have a measurement date of the previous fiscal year.

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Schedule of Compensation, Reimbursements, Benefits and Other Payments to Agency Head,  
Political Subdivision Head, or Chief Executive Officer- Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513 A. (1) (a)  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

**Agency Head Name:** Rhonda Coleman, Executive Director

<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Salary	\$ 126,596
Benefits-insurance	24,335
Benefits-retirement	14,559
Benefits-other	-
Car allowance	-
Vehicle provided by government	-
Per diem	-
Reimbursements	-
Travel	-
Registration fees	-
Conference travel	-
Continuing professional education fees	-
Housing	-
Unvouchered expenses	-
Special meals	-



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

Board of Commissioners  
Cameron Parish Ambulance District No. 2  
Hackberry, Louisiana

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 Cameron Parish Ambulance District No. 2 as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Cameron Parish Ambulance District No. 2's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated February 6, 2024.

### **Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing my audit of the financial statements, we considered Cameron Parish Ambulance District No. 2 internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing my opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Cameron Parish Ambulance District No. 2's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Cameron Parish Ambulance District No. 2 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 may exist that have not been identified.

Board of Commissioners  
Cameron Parish Ambulance District No. 2

### **Report on Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Cameron Parish Ambulance District No. 2 Louisiana'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 was not an objective of my audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of my tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

### **Purpose of this Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of my testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.

*Steven M. DeRouen & Associates, LLC*

Lake Charles, Louisiana  
February 6, 2024

**CAMERON PARISH AMBULANCE DISTRICT NO. 2**

**Schedule of Findings  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023**

**A. Summary of Independent Auditor's Results:**

1. Unmodified opinion on financial statements.
2. No material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control noted.
3. No instances of non-compliance noted.

**B. GAGAS Findings:**

**None.**

**C. Prior Year Findings:**

**None.**

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## INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

To the Board of Commissioners of Cameron Parish Ambulance District No. 2 and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor:

We have performed the procedures enumerated below on the control and compliance (C/C) areas identified in the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's (LLA's) Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures (SAUPs) for the fiscal period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023. Cameron Parish Ambulance District No.'s management is responsible for those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs.

Commissioners of Cameron Parish Ambulance District No. 2 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, 2023 through December 31, 2023. Additionally, LLA has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate for its purposes. This report may not be suitable for any other purpose. The procedures performed may not address all the items of interest to a user of this report and may not meet the needs of all users of this report and, as such, users are responsible for determining whether the procedures performed are appropriate for their purposes.

The procedures and associated findings are as follows:

### 1) *Written Policies and Procedures*

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- A. 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:
  - i. ***Budgeting***, including preparing, adopting, monitoring, and amending the budget.
  - ii. ***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.

- iii. **Disbursements**, including processing, reviewing, and approving.
- iv. **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).
- v. **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 rates of pay or approval and maintenance of pay rate schedules.
- vi. **Contracting**, including (1) types of services requiring written contracts, (2) standard terms and conditions, (3) legal review, (4) approval process, and (5) monitoring process.
- vii. **Travel and Expense Reimbursement**, including (1) allowable expenses, (2) dollar thresholds by category of expense, (3) documentation requirements, and (4) required approvers.
- viii. **Credit Cards (and debit cards, fuel cards, purchase 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).
- ix. **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.
- x. **Debt Service**, including (1) debt issuance approval, (2) continuing disclosure/EMMA reporting requirements, (3) debt reserve requirements, and (4) debt service requirements.
- xi. **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. **Prevention of Sexual Harassment**, including R.S. 42:342-344 requirements for (1) agency responsibilities and prohibitions, (2) annual employee training, and (3) annual reporting.

*No exceptions were found through the performance of these procedures.*

## **2) Board or Finance Committee**

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- A. 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:
- i. 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.
  - ii. 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 funds. *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.*
  - iii. 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.
  - iv. Observe whether the board/finance committee received written updates of the progress of resolving audit finding(s), according to management's corrective action plan at each meeting until the findings are considered fully resolved.

*No exceptions were found through the performance of these procedures.*

## **3) Bank Reconciliations**

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- A. 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:
- i. 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);
  - ii. Bank reconciliations include evidence that a member of management or a 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

- iii. 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.

*No exceptions were found through the performance of these procedures.*

#### **4) Collections (excluding electronic funds transfers)**

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- A. 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).
- B. 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 (e.g., 5 collection locations for 5 deposit sites), obtain and inspect written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if there are no written policies or procedures, then 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:
  - i. Employees responsible for cash collections do not share cash drawers/registers;
  - ii. 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;
  - iii. Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not also 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; and
  - iv. The employee(s) responsible for reconciling cash collections to the general ledger and/or subsidiary ledgers, by revenue source and/or agency fund additions, is (are) not also responsible for collecting cash, unless another employee/official verifies the reconciliation.
- C. Obtain from management a copy of the bond or insurance policy for theft covering all employees who have access to cash. Observe that the bond or insurance policy for theft was in force during the fiscal period.
- D. Randomly select two deposit dates for each of the 5 bank accounts selected for Bank Reconciliations procedure #3A (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:
  - i. Observe that receipts are sequentially pre-numbered.

- ii. Trace sequentially pre-numbered receipts, system reports, and other related collection documentation to the deposit slip.
- iii. Trace the deposit slip total to the actual deposit per the bank statement.
- iv. Observe that 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).
- v. Trace the actual deposit per the bank statement to the general ledger.

*No exceptions were found through the performance of these procedures.*

**5) Non-Payroll Disbursements (excluding card purchases, travel reimbursements, and petty cash purchases)**

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- A. 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).
- B. For each location selected under procedure #5A 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, then inquire of employees about their job duties), and observe that job duties are properly segregated such that:
  - i. At least two employees are involved in initiating a purchase request, approving a purchase, and placing an order or making the purchase;
  - ii. At least two employees are involved in processing and approving payments to vendors;
  - iii. 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;
  - iv. 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; and
  - v. Only employees/officials authorized to sign checks approve the electronic disbursement (release) of funds, whether through automated clearinghouse (ACH), electronic funds transfer (EFT), wire transfer, or some other electronic means.

[Note: Findings related to controls that constrain the legal authority of certain public officials (e.g., mayor of a Lawrason Act municipality) should not be reported.]
- C. For each location selected under procedure #5A 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:

- i. Observe whether the disbursement, whether by paper or electronic means, matched the related original itemized invoice and supporting documentation indicates that deliverables included on the invoice were received by the entity; and
  - ii. Observe whether the disbursement documentation included evidence (e.g., initial/date, electronic logging) of segregation of duties tested under procedure #5B above, as applicable.
- D. Using the entity's main operating account and the month selected in Bank Reconciliations procedure #3A, randomly select 5 non-payroll-related electronic disbursements (or all electronic disbursements if less than 5) and observe that each electronic disbursement was (a) approved by only those persons authorized to disburse funds (e.g., sign checks) per the entity's policy, and (b) approved by the required number of authorized signers per the entity's policy. Note: If no electronic payments were made from the main operating account during the month selected the practitioner should select an alternative month and/or account for testing that does include electronic disbursements

*No exceptions were found through the performance of these procedures.*

#### **6) Credit Cards/Debit Cards/Fuel Cards/Purchase Cards (Cards)**

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- A. Obtain from management a listing of all active credit cards, bank debit cards, fuel cards, and purchase 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.
- B. 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
  - i. 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 (those instances requiring such approval that may constrain the legal authority of certain public officials, such as the mayor of a Lawrason Act municipality, should not be reported); and
  - ii. Observe that finance charges and late fees were not assessed on the selected statements.
- C. Using the monthly statements or combined statements selected under procedure #6B 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 (e.g.,

each card should have 10 transactions subject to inspection)<sup>1</sup>. For each transaction, observe that 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 observe whether management had a compensating control to address missing receipts, such as a “missing receipt statement” that is subject to increased scrutiny.

*No exceptions were found through the performance of these procedures.*

## **7) *Travel and Travel-Related Expense Reimbursements (excluding card transactions)***

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- A. 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 reimbursement and 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:
- i. If reimbursed using a per diem, observe that 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](http://www.gsa.gov));
  - ii. If reimbursed using actual costs, observe that the reimbursement is supported by an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased;
  - iii. Observe that 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 Policies and Procedures procedure #1A(vii); and
  - iv. Observe each reimbursement was reviewed and approved, in writing, by someone other than the person receiving reimbursement.

*No exceptions were found through the performance of these procedures.*

## **8) *Contracts***

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- A. 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:

- i. 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;
- ii. Observe whether the contract was approved by the governing body/board, if required by policy or law (e.g., Lawrason Act, Home Rule Charter);
- iii. If the contract was amended (e.g., change order), observe that 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, the document approval); and
- iv. 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.

*No exceptions were found through the performance of these procedures.*

### **9) Payroll and Personnel**

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- A. 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.
- B. Randomly select one pay period during the fiscal period. For the 5 employees or officials selected under #9A above, obtain attendance records and leave documentation for the pay period, and
  - i. Observe that all selected employees or officials documented their daily attendance and leave (e.g., vacation, sick, compensatory);
  - ii. Observe whether supervisors approved the attendance and leave of the selected employees or officials;
  - iii. Observe that any leave accrued or taken during the pay period is reflected in the entity's cumulative leave records; and
  - iv. Observe the rate paid to the employees or officials agree to the authorized salary/pay rate found within the personnel file.
- C. 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 and 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.
- D. 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.

*No exceptions were found through the performance of these procedures.*

## **10) Ethics**

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- A. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from Payroll and Personnel procedure #9A obtain ethics documentation from management, and
  - i. Observe whether the documentation demonstrates each employee/official completed one hour of ethics training during the calendar year as required by R.S. 42:1170; and
  - ii. 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.
- B. Inquire and/or observe whether the agency has appointed an ethics designee as required by R.S. 42:1170.

*No exceptions were found through the performance of these procedures.*

## **11) Debt Service**

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- A. 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 that State Bond Commission approval was obtained for each debt instrument issued as required by Article VII, Section 8 of the Louisiana Constitution.
- B. 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).

*No exceptions were found through the performance of these procedures.*

## **12) Fraud Notice**

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- A. 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 as required by R.S. 24:523.

- B. 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.

*No exceptions were found through the performance of these procedures.*

### ***13) Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity***

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- A. Perform the following procedures, **verbally discuss the results with management, and report “We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management.”**
- i. Obtain and inspect the entity’s most recent documentation that it has backed up its critical data (if there is no written documentation, then inquire of personnel responsible for backing up critical data) and observe evidence that such backup (a) occurred within the past week, (b) was not stored on the government’s local server or network, and (c) was encrypted.
  - ii. Obtain and inspect the entity’s most recent documentation that it has tested/verified that its backups can be restored (if there is no written documentation, then inquire of personnel responsible for testing/verifying backup restoration) and observe evidence that the test/verification was successfully performed within the past 3 months.
  - iii. 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.
- B. Randomly select 5 terminated employees (or all terminated employees if less than 5) using the list of terminated employees obtained in procedure #9C. Observe evidence that the selected terminated employees have been removed or disabled from the network.

*We performed the Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity procedures and discussed the results with management.*

### ***14) Prevention of Sexual Harassment***

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- A. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from Payroll and Personnel procedure #9A, obtain sexual harassment training documentation from management, and observe that the documentation demonstrates each employee/official completed at least one hour of sexual harassment training during the calendar year as required by R.S. 42:343.
- B. 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).

- C. 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 that the report includes the applicable requirements of R.S. 42:344:
- i. Number and percentage of public servants in the agency who have completed the training requirements;
  - ii. Number of sexual harassment complaints received by the agency;
  - iii. Number of complaints which resulted in a finding that sexual harassment occurred;
  - iv. Number of complaints in which the finding of sexual harassment resulted in discipline or corrective action; and
  - v. Amount of time it took to resolve each complaint.

*No exceptions were found through the performance of these procedures.*

We were engaged by Commissioners of Cameron Parish Ambulance District No. 2 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 Commissioners of Cameron Parish Ambulance District No. 2 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.

*Steven M. DeRouen & Associates, LLC*

Lake Charles, Louisiana  
February 6, 2024